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DNA TEST IDENTIFIES LAST VICTIM OF PLANE CRASH; FINAL TOLL 260

Over two weeks after the Ahmedabad plane crash, the toll now stands at 260, down from 270 reported earlier, officials said on Saturday

REMAINS OF ALL 260 VICTIMS HANDED TO KIN

The bodies of all 260 victims have been handed over to the relatives. Of the 241 passengers and crew members who died, the mortal remains of 240 had been identified earlier while one body was pending for match. The matching of the DNA samples confirmed the victim's identity on Friday. Till June 23, officials had confirmed the identity of 259 victims

'DNA MATCHING PROCESS TOO COMPLICATED'

- An official release said DNA matching was complicated as several bodies had to be identified since they were beyond recognition
- The 260 victims of the plane crash included 200 Indians — 181 passengers plus crew and 19 ground victims. The others included seven Portuguese nationals, 52 British nationals and one Canadian

2 weeks
WAS TIME TAKEN TO COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION OF DNA SAMPLES

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Award will open Agniveer induction door into forces

Gallantry medal or participation in global event will make the cut

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AGNIVEERS who participate in any international event or get gallantry medals, including the Sena Medal, will be inducted permanently into the services, as per a new document seen by this newspaper. They would be part of the 25% who make the cut for permanent induction after four years of serving as Agniveers.

Over all, Agniveers will undergo four sets of evaluations. For context, the first batch of Agniveers are in their third round of assessment.

"Agniveer recipients of the Sena medal and above like Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra, will surely be retained as permanent soldiers," the document says. These awards are given for exceptional acts of bravery, courage or self-sacrifice.

Those who get 'Mention in Dispatches' will get 25 extra marks. Mention in Dispatches is awarded for distinguished and meritorious service in operational areas and acts of gallantry, which are not of a sufficiently high order to warrant gallantry awards. Similarly, extra marks will be given to Agniveers getting Commendation cards from the Chief, Army Commanders and the Corps Commanders.

Besides, Agniveers recruited as sportspersons and others participating in any international event will get permanent recruitment.

Also, those participating in national events will be given 10 extra marks. Participation in services level events will give them six more marks in their assessment tests.

The total assessment will be of 1,000 marks, which will have to be completed and entered in the data sheet three months prior to the Agniveers completing their four-year service period and returning home. As for the first batch, the assessment data entry has to be wrapped up by October 2026.

Of the four levels of assessment, the first one will be within 31 weeks of the Agniveer's induction; the second at 18 months; the third in 30 months and the last in 42 months, just six months before exiting the unit as Agniveer.

To make it transparent, the first assessment is done at the regimental centre; the second and third at the unit; and the final one by the higher formation like the division/brigade under which the unit functions.

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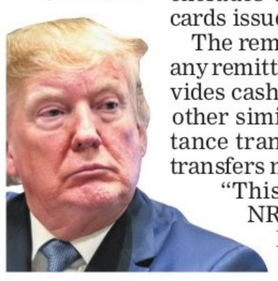
THREE, TWO KA ONE

Tests at the regimental centre include drill, physical test and firing. The recruits get three chances in each test; only the best score is uploaded in the data. In the subsequent phases of tests, they are given two chances

Remittance tax cut to 1% in latest big, beautiful bill draft

$38 bn sent home from US

India was the top remittance recipient in 2024. Its total remittance receipts stood at $137.70 billion during 2024 (on a calendar year basis). As per an RBI report, 28% of India's inward remittances came from the US – making it $38 billion



DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's tax on outward remittance could pinch NRIs much less than was anticipated. In its latest update to its draft, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act seeks to impose a 1% levy against the earlier proposal of 3.5% on money sent overseas by non-US citizens. The bill had originally suggested a 5% tax, which was reduced to 3.5%, and now 1%.

Senate Republicans released their updated draft of the proposed One Big Beautiful Bill Act on June 27 and have set a self-imposed deadline of July 4 to try to pass the bill. The updated Senate version significantly changes the remittance transfer provisions that were passed by House Republicans.

Apart from proposing a much-reduced tax rate, the proposal exempts transfers from accounts held at banks and other financial institutions and also excludes transfers made via debit and credit cards issued in the United States.

The remittance transfer tax will apply only to any remittance transfer for which the sender provides cash, a money order, a cashier's check, or other similar physical instrument to the remittance transfer provider. This tax will apply to transfers made after December 31, 2025.

"This should come as a huge relief to the NRI community in the US," said Lloyd Pinto, Partner — US Tax, Grant Thornton Bharat.

ANTI-DUMPING

Now, India imposes jute import bar from B'desh

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA has imposed immediate restrictions on import of jute and allied fibre products from Bangladesh, reflecting growing tensions in bilateral relations.

These new measures apply to all land and seaports across the country, with the exception of Nhava Sheva seaport in Maharashtra, a notification from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said. However, these restrictions will not apply to goods exported by Bangladesh to Nepal and Bhutan. At the same time, the "re-export" of such Bangladeshi goods from Nepal or Bhutan into India "will not be allowed."

Under the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) agreement, Bangladesh's jute exports currently enjoy duty-free access to the Indian market. Concerns, however, have persisted for years within the Indian jute industry about the adverse impact of dumped and subsidised imports, particularly jute yarn, fibre, woven fabrics, and bags originating from Bangladesh.

"This has been putting Indian industry in disadvantageous position as there is credible evidence that Bangladeshi jute exports continue to benefit from subsidies by the government," said a source.

In response, the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties had earlier imposed anti-dumping duties on jute and related goods from Bangladesh. But those duties didn't work to India's benefit as expected.

Man who killed wife 23 years ago finally nabbed

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Koppal

A man, who was absconding after murdering his wife 23 years ago in Gangavathi, Koppal district, was arrested on June 25.

Hanumant Hussainappa, 75, was arrested in his native Aldal village in Manvi taluk of Raichur district after villagers alerted the police. He was produced before Gangavathi First Additional Sessions Court on June 27. Judge Sadanand Nagappa Naik sentenced Hanumant to life imprisonment after finding him guilty of murdering Renukamma. The judge also ordered him to pay a fine of Rs 10,000.

Hanumant worked as an assistant at the government health centre in Badarli village in Koppal district. After his first wife died due to disease, Hanumant married another woman. She left him after a few years and went to her parents' house. He then married Renukamma from Indiragi village. Hanumant used to quarrel with Renukamma frequently, suspecting her fidelity. In 2002, Hanumant murdered Renukamma with some sharp weapon. He later packed her body in a gunny bag and put it in a Gangavati-Kampli bus, telling the conductor that his relatives will collect the parcel. When nobody came to collect the parcel, the conductor opened it to see Renukamma's body. Police launched an investigation based on the conductor's complaint.

Meanwhile, Hanumant fled Aldal and worked in neighbouring states for some years. He later moved to Atanur in Raichur district. He never visited Koppal for 23 years. He visited Aldal a few days ago, when he was arrested.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, aboard ISS | PTI

Sky is never the limit, Shux tells PM from space

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

INDIA's Group Captain Shubanshu Shukla, who is also the mission pilot of the Axiom-4 mission, during his interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, from the International Space Station (ISS), said: "Sky is never the limit, not for me, not for you, and not for the 140 crore Indians" – a progressive departure from the belief of air forces of the world, "Sky is the limit".

During the 18.05-minute-long conversation with the PM on Saturday, Shukla (call sign 'Shux') said the mission was a step towards India's own Gaganyaan space mission scheduled for 2027, setting up the Bhartiya Antriksh Station (BAS) by 2035 and ISRO's indigenous lunar manned mission by 2040. Shux explained to the PM that all the astronauts aboard the ISS hailing from different nationalities had already expressed their desire to visit the BAS when it is ready and up in space in future.

"I am absorbing all that I've learnt during my year-long training and what I am now learning on the ISS like a sponge. This will help India in the upcoming missions," Shukla told Modi, who gave him "homework" to do in space along with his seven scheduled experiments, which Shux will be undertaking as a part of the 14-day-long mission in the ISS.

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POISON-LACED MEAT

3, INCLUDING CATTLE OWNER, HELD IN TIGER DEATH CASE

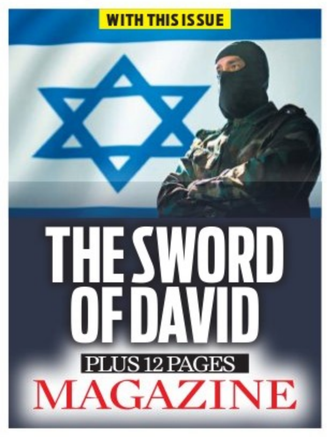
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

FOREST officials have arrested three persons in connection with the deaths of five tigers in Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary.

The arrested were identified as Kunappa, Madaraj and Nagaraj from Koppa village. The preliminary investigation revealed that the cow found dead near the carcasses of the tigress and her four cubs had been poisoned intentionally. The owner of the cow is Kunappa. Already, veterinarians, who were involved with the autopsy, had confirmed that the tiger deaths were due to consumption of meat laced with poison.

The tigers were found dead near the Gajanur beat of Hoogyam range, close to Meenyam in the MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary. During the investigation into one of the biggest wildlife tragedies in Karnataka, it was found that the cow belonged to Kunappa. The forest department staff, with the help of police, arrested him and two others from Kalagovi Doddi. The forest staff, while questioning around half-a-dozen local cowherds, found out about the involvement of Madaraj. They picked him up from his house, and he revealed the involvement of the other two. All of them are being interrogated.

Officials from the forest department, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and a special investigation team have launched a deeper probe into the matter. Villagers, meanwhile, expressed their displeasure over forest officials not responding immediately when their cattle are killed by wild animals. They said they have lost over 10 cows in the last two months, but the officials have not visited the spot or recommended compensation.



EXPRESS READ

Israeli strikes kill at least 72 people in Gaza

DEIR AL-BALAH (GAZA): Israeli strikes killed at least 72 people across Gaza overnight and into Saturday, health workers said. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump has said there could be a ceasefire agreement within the next week.

11-day Mysuru Dasara from September 22

BENGALURU: Mysuru Dasara will be celebrated in a grand manner in Mysuru from September 22 to October 2, CM Siddaramaiah said on Saturday. This year, it is celebrated over 11 days, rather than the usual 10, due to a rare astronomical occurrence | P4

Bihar 1st to have mobile e-voting in local polls

Patna: Bihar on Saturday became the first state to implement mobile phone-based e-voting during local body polls. State Election Commissioner Deepak Prasad said while 70.20% of the eligible voters used e-voting, 54.63% voted in polling booths.

Parag Jain appointed new chief of RAW

NEW DELHI: Parag Jain, one of the brains behind the meticulous planning of 'Operation Sindoor', has been appointed as the new Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), according to an official order issued here on Saturday | P9

Woman accused of sexually harassing minor daughter, POCSO case filed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

RT Nagar police have registered a case under different sections of the POCSO Act against a 45-year-old woman for allegedly sexually harassing her 15-year-old daughter.

The case was registered on Friday based on a complaint by a counsellor of a private school. The victim is a Class 9 student there. The student is said to have told the counsellor about the harassment by her mother.

"My mother used to sexually harass me stating that she is teaching me how I should behave with my husband after marriage," she is said to have told the counsellor.

The victim is alleged to have been harassed for the last six years. The accused works with a private firm and her husband lives separately. The victim goes to the school near her house.

"The incident came to light after the victim's counsellor reported the matter to us. The accused has not been arrested yet. She is being questioned. The counsellor is also being questioned," said an officer investigating the case.

NIMHANS Northern campus gets Centre's nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Union Government has granted in-principle approval for the construction of a 300-bed Post-Graduate Polytrauma Centre under the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) at Kyalasanahalli near Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru.

The facility, estimated to cost Rs 498 crore, is aimed at providing advanced emergency and trauma care to accident victims in and around the Bengaluru region.

The approval was issued by the Department of Expenditure under the Union Ministry of Finance, following a proposal submitted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The land for the project, measuring 39 acres, had been allotted to NIMHANS in 2012-13, during the tenure of the BJP-led state government in Karnataka. The proposed facility will serve as NIMHANS' Northern Campus and will include not just the trauma hospital, but also residential quarters for staff, hostels, guest houses, administrative blocks, and other support infrastructure.

The Finance Ministry has laid down several conditions for the project. These include optimising manpower and infrastructure as recommended by NITI Aayog in its 2021 report, ensuring the trauma centre also caters to regular patients, and monitoring outputs and outcomes regularly for mid-course corrections. The ministry has also asked the Health Ministry to frame a long-term national policy for emergency and serious injury care.

The Centre will provide critical care for patients suffering from multiple and complex injuries, particularly head, brain, chest, abdomen, and skeletal trauma, during the crucial "Golden Hour."

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Sunset 06.49 pm
Moonrise 09.31 am
Moonset 10.19 pm

FROM BEGGING TO BOSS

ANI'S AUTO REVOLUTION STEERS DIGNITY FOR TRANS COMMUNITY IN MANGALURU

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

IN the narrow, sunlit lanes of Deralakatte, the buzz of autorickshaws blends with the chatter of markets and college students. Among the many autos that crisscross the area, a few bear a distinct sticker: 'Free rides for expectant mothers and elderly trans persons'.

These autos are more than just a mode of transport. They are symbols of quiet rebellion, compassion, and a relentless pursuit of dignity — driven by a transwoman named Ani Mangalore.

Born and raised in Hiredinni camp of Raichur district's Maski taluk, Ani's story is neither linear nor simple. Like many from marginalized communities, her life has been a series of battles — most of them fought alone, with society on the opposing side.

Ani was assigned male at birth, but from a very young age, she knew she was different. She had what she calls "female instincts", a deeply felt identity that clashed with how others perceived her. "I dressed like a boy, but inside I never felt like one," she recalls.

Despite the internal conflict, Ani powered through her early life with an impressive academic record. She scored 79% in her Bachelor of Arts degree and earned a free B.Ed seat at the Government College of Teacher Education in Mangaluru, a feat many in her village considered rare and commendable.

Gender transition and rejection

But halfway through her B.Ed course, Ani's personal evolution became more visible. She began her gender transition — physically, emotionally and socially. With it came a tidal wave of judgment and isolation. "I couldn't focus on my studies anymore. I felt like I was being watched, mocked, questioned every day. The stares, the whispers, it became too much," she says.

What followed was a period of deep despair. Determined to support herself, Ani knocked on the doors of several offices and restaurants. Rejections became routine. "They wouldn't even let me finish my sentence before saying 'no vacancies'," she says. Her identity as a transgender woman became an unspoken disqualifier.

With survival at stake, Ani found herself pushed to the margins — reduced to begging on the streets, like many transgender individuals in India who are denied formal employment. Even the simple act of commuting turned humiliating. "I would signal autos. They would stop, look me up and down, and just drive away," she says, her voice cracking. "I remember crying all the way home once. That night, my mother said something that changed my life: 'Stop waiting for others. Be your own saviour'."

Taking her mother's words to heart, Ani enrolled in auto driving lessons. She was determined not just to drive, but to own autos, to ensure she would never again be at the mercy of someone else's prejudice.

She was aware that she would not get a bank loan to pursue her dream. Between 2023 and 2024, she negotiated with auto drivers who were planning to sell their used vehicles. Without formal loan approvals, she took over their EMI payments, agreeing that the autos would be transferred to her name once the dues were cleared. She has already acquired four autos and is still repaying around Rs 1.5 lakh in pending EMIs.

She rents out the autos for Rs 200 per day, but with a twist that reveals her deeper mission. Ani makes it mandatory for her auto drivers to follow two unique conditions: they must give free rides to expectant mothers, and not charge elderly transgender persons, a group she says is "often abandoned and forgotten". Each vehicle carries a sticker that proudly declares these commitments — small but powerful messages that signal inclusivity and solidarity.

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>
> Ani Mangalore

Her autos mostly operate in and around Deralakatte and nearby rural pockets, where many of the transgender community reside. "I don't want others, especially the elderly, to face what I did. No one should have to beg to survive," she says.

Multiple roles

Today, Ani wears many hats. She is an entrepreneur, a certified personal gym trainer, and now, an actor in an upcoming Kannada film — another bold step into a world that has traditionally excluded trans people.

Yet, her ambitions stretch further. Ani dreams of establishing a home for elderly transgender individuals, a space filled with care, dignity and acceptance. She is seeking government support for land allocation to turn that dream into reality.

"Most of us end up begging or in prostitution, not by choice but because there are no alternatives. What other options do we have?" she asks, raising a valid and haunting question that echoes across India's transgender communities.

Ani believes that awareness and acceptance are key to long-term change. "We are not strange," she says with a wry smile. "We've existed since the times of the Ramayana and Mahabharata. People forget that. It's time they remembered."

A Kannada sticker pasted in one of Ani's autos reads: "Free rides for expectant mothers, and elderly transgender persons."

HERE, SEERS ARE MATCHMAKERS!

Inchgiri Mutt, known for organising inter-caste and inter-faith marriages, recently celebrated 50th anniversary of this unique tradition started by Madhavananda seer

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

INCHGIRI Mutt, 40 km from Vijayapura city, is a worthy example of communal harmony and inclusivity. The mutt has been organising inter-caste and inter-faith marriages for the last 50 years and the foundation for this unique tradition was laid by its visionary and revolutionary seer Madhavananda, five decades ago.

Born in 1915, Madhavananda took deeksha at a young age. With his revolutionary ideas, he brought in social reforms that made the mutt popular among all sections of society.

"Seer Madhavananda chose a radical path based on the principles of Basavanna -- the 12th-century social reformer, who fought against the caste system and societal problems. It was in 1974 that Madhavananda organised the first inter-caste and inter-faith marriage ceremony at the mutt where 10 couples tied the knot," said Mukund Belagali, convenor of the mutt.

It was a bold defiance of the centuries-old taboo and a clarion call to promote communal harmony, peace and equality in society.

"Going against all odds and facing severe criticism, the mutt has organised nearly 25,000 inter-caste and inter-faith marriages over the last five decades," Belagali said.Madhavananda even got his niece Kalammadevi married to a Muslim, silencing critics. "It was a strong message of secularism that was sent out. That helped the mutt emerge as a progressive force," he said.

Shadakshari Kampunavar, a prominent functionary of the mutt, said the disciples accept their life partners chosen by the seers. "So far, nobody has questioned the choice of the seers. Those looking for brides or grooms accept their decision without hesitation," said Kampunavar, who married a woman from another caste. "She was chosen by the seer. I had no idea who she was and from which community she hailed. I accepted the seer's decision wholeheartedly," he said. Belagali said even seers selected for the mutt are picked from different castes or communities.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Anil Kumar Thorat is a disciple of Inchgiri Mutt who has married a woman outside his caste. Thorat, a Maratha, tied the knot with a Lingayat, 15 years ago. The couple now has three children. While Thorat's father and mother belong to different castes, his grandmother was a Muslim.

Mutt's role in freedom struggle

"Seer Madhavananda was a freedom fighter, too. When the freedom struggle was at its peak, he not only mobilised people to fight against British soldiers, but also set up an armoury and a gun-making unit in the erstwhile Bijapur district. The unit also made crude bombs. His men attacked several police stations and took away arms and ammunition," Kampunavar said.

Post-Independence, the mutt under Madhavananda played a pivotal role in the unification of Karnataka. The seer launched peaceful agitations and went on a 21-day fast to bring all Kannada-speaking regions together. His efforts led to the integration of regions such as Jamkhandi, Jath, Ramadurga, and parts of Mysore state with Karnataka.

Welfare programmes

The mutt has been promoting Sarvodaya initiatives, such as collective farming and "anna dasoha" (community dining). These are aimed at empowering the poor, especially from the marginalised sections. "Seer Madhavananda's legacy continues even after his death in 1980. Apart from organising mass marriages, the mutt functions as a resource centre for couples facing marital issues. It provides financial and legal support to inter-caste couples and ensures their social integration," Kampunavar said.

Inchgiri Mutt is a testimony to the fact that religious institutions can bring in positive change in society and ensure its comprehensive growth. "At a time when divisions on the lines of caste and religion continue to plague the country, our mutt has been quietly, but authoritatively, working towards bringing together people through reforms, inclusivity and spreading the message of universal love and brotherhood," Belagali said.

Seer Madhavananda

Foreign visitors at Inchgiri Mutt

Inchgiri Mutt

Present seer Revanasiddeshwara

'Step down transport min' trends as public protests bike taxi ban

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WIDESPREAD public outrage over the recent bike taxi ban in Karnataka has triggered a social media campaign with hashtag #StepDownTransportMinister, with commuters and workers taking to X on Saturday to voice their dissent.

The campaign criticised Transport Minister **Ramalinga Reddy** for his silence on the matter and demanded either a reversal of the decision or his resignation. "Why is banning the solution and not regulation?" questioned one user, calling the decision "not governance, but neglect". Users pointed out that lakhs of bike taxi drivers have lost their source of income, accusing the government of deepening the unemployment crisis in the state.

The campaign argues that instead of criminalising bike taxi drivers, many of whom are the sole breadwinners of their families, the government should have created proper policies and regulatory mechanisms. "These riders are workers, not criminals," one user wrote.

Critics also highlighted the inconsistency in allowing white-board vehicles for food delivery services, but banning the same for bike taxi operations. "If white-board bikes are allowed for food delivery, why this discrimination against bike taxis?" an aggrieved commuter asked. The ban, they say, has not only robbed thousands of their livelihood, but also dealt a blow to the gig economy.

The protest further underlines how bike taxis were bridging the gap in Bengaluru's broken last-mile transport network. Another commuter said, "Many commuters who now have to choose auto or cab as the alternative to reach the destinations, are facing many issues because the auto drivers refuse to offer services or the cabs are too expensive."

Need to give a new lease of life to TG Halli reservoir: Experts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WATER management experts have expressed concern over the government doing nothing to revive the Thippagondanahalli (TG Halli) reservoir, once the lifeline of Bengaluru city.

Thippeswamy, former engineer-in-chief at BWSSB, expressed concern over the change in land use pattern in the catchment of Arkavathi Valley that reaches Hesaraghatta and TG Halli, and said a medical college has come up, apart from many housing projects having mushroomed in the catchment area. "This is not good as untreated water from these places in entering the catchment area."

"The waste water from housing projects, industries, and other areas is entering the catchment area of Arkavathi river. The Arkavathi river which originates from the foothills of Nandi Hills, fills up 108 lakes in Chikkaballapura, including the Hesaraghatta Tank and the surplus water is then diverted to the TG Halli reservoir. TG Halli, which was a lifeline till the late-90s, was neglected due to pollution and silt, and the reservoir has been waiting for revival for the last 25 years," said Thippeswamy.

S Vishwanath from BIOME Environmental Trust pitched for a river management study and a legal framework to ensure that the river characteristics and biodiversity are protected. "We only see from the water point of view, but there is much more to a river and its basin. We need a holistic approach while dealing with river basins like Arkavathi and TG Halli."

The AAP unit in Karnataka, which held a seminar by inviting experts to speak on TG Halli, stated that the party will prioritise the preservation of the reservoir and the protection of Bengaluru's environment.

The party also pitched for the formation of an 'Expert Committee' to formulate a comprehensive action plan, based on its recommendations. AAP plans to conduct a public awareness march from TG Halli Reservoir to Freedom Park, to highlight the urgency of the cause and present a memorandum to the state government, articulating the demands and proposed actions to safeguard the reservoir and Bengaluru's ecological future.

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Canara Bank gives dividend to Centre

BENGALURU: Canara Bank MD and CEO K Satyanarayana Raju handed over a dividend cheque of Rs 2,283.41 crore for FY2024-25 to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. He was accompanied by executive directors Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, Bhavendra Kumar, and SK Majumdar. For 2024-25, Canara Bank declared a dividend of Rs 4 per share. The bank reported a record net profit of Rs 17,027 crore for 2024-25, compared to Rs 14,554 crore in the previous year, marking a 16.99% increase in annual profit.

CMRIT celebrates 22nd Graduation Day

BENGALURU: CMR Institute of Technology celebrated its 22nd Graduation Day on Saturday. Degrees were awarded to 1,200 students. Prashanth Prakash, founder of Accel India and co-founder of Unboxing BLR, urged the students to pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations. Dr KC Ramamurthy, Chairman of CMR Group of Institutions and CMR University; Dr Sanjay Jain, Principal of CMRIT; and Dr Tristha Ramamurthy, ProVost of CMR University, among others, were present.

BMSSA hosts yoga championship

BENGALURU: The BMS School of Architecture in Yelahanka hosted Yoga Championship 2025 on Saturday. It was held in collaboration with Sri Maruthi Charitable Trust, Smiya Yoga Academy (Doddaballapur), Vishwa Manava Samaja Seva Trust, and N Jayaram IAS Abhinandhana Samithi, to mark International Yoga Day. Dr Shaila Bantanur, Director of BMSSA, Dr Chandrashekara BK, President of Sri Maruthi Charitable Trust, and N Shivaraj, President of Vishwa Manava Samaja Seva Trust, were present.

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House of Himalayas Provides global market to local products

Inspired by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Uttarakhand government under the leadership of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami is promoting the advanced products of the hilly areas. Along with this, many initiatives have also been started for their marketing. The launch of 'House of Himalayas' is an important step in this direction. Under this, high quality products of Uttarakhand have been prepared according to the markets of the country and the world. These have emerged as a major brand of products from the hilly region of Uttarakhand.

During the Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'umbrella brand' named 'House of Himalayas' along with other multimillion projects. Now, products manufactured by local groups will be marketed under the unified name 'House of Himalayas', focusing on quality and packaging. This innovative initiative aims to promote Uttarakhand's local products globally. Known previously as Himadri, Hilans, and Gramya-Shri, these products will now collectively shine under the brand 'House of Himalayas', showcasing the wonders of the region to the world. This step is a significant move to make Uttarakhand's products vocal for local and take them from local markets to the global stage. Inspired by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Uttarakhand government under the leadership of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami is promoting the advanced products of the hilly areas. Along with this, many initiatives have also been started for their marketing. The launch of 'House of Himalayas' is an important step in this direction. Under this, high quality products of Uttarakhand have been prepared according to the markets of the country and the world. These have emerged as a major brand of products from the hilly region of Uttarakhand.

Why is the House of Himalayas so special?

The Assurance of Authenticity: Products created under this initiative truly honour an array of traditional methods and authentic experiences. They reach consumers only after going through high-quality standards. Further, certificates are also issued to confirm their premium quality.

A Commitment Towards The Community: Choosing the House of Himalayas means supporting local communities through truly meaningful social initiatives. With every product you purchase, you contribute socially and economically.

The Idea of Open Sourcing: This initiative emphasizes complete transparency in the sourcing of materials and production processes, maintaining consumer trust.

Emphasizing on Ethical Priority: The brand embraces ethical sourcing and improved production practices that are widely appreciated for their integrity.

Enhanced Brand Experience: By including comprehensive product information, attention to every detail, and delivering superior products, the brand ensures a memorable experience for every customer.

House of Himalayas
Superior Quality

The product line-up at the House of Himalayas are truly exceptional, known for their unmatched quality and superior effectiveness. This exceptional distinction sets them apart from mass-produced alternatives available in the market.

Traditional Products of Devbhoomi awarded with special GI tag

Geographical Indication (GI) Crafts Products

A Geographical Indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin. In other words, it is a certification that identifies a product as originating from a particular region, where a given quality, reputation or other characteristic of the product is essentially attributable to its geographic origin.

The following craft products of Uttarakhand have been awarded GI tag by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India:

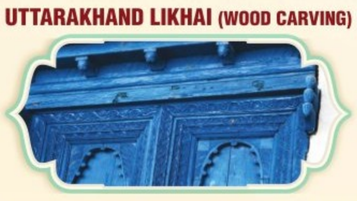
BHOTIYA DAAN OF UTTARAKHAND

It is a traditional handwoven carpet made by the Bhotiya community in Uttarakhand. These carpets are known for their warmth, durability, and intricate designs.

Uttarakhand Thulma

Thulma blanket are handwoven by the Bhotiya community in Uttarakhand using sheep or yak wool. These blankets are known for their warmth & durability.

UTTARAKHAND LIKHAI (WOOD CARVING)



Uttarakhand is famous for its exquisite wood carvings seen in architectural elements, furniture, and decorative items. Skilled artisans intricately carve wood to create beautiful designs and motifs.

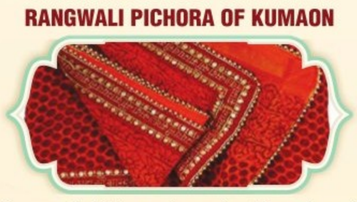
UTTARAKHAND BITHCU BUTI

Nettle fibre is used to create a range of products, including fabrics, bags, and ropes. The nettle plant is abundant in the region, and its fibre is valued for its strength and eco-friendliness.

NAINITAL MOOMBATTI (CANDLE)

Uttarakhand is known for its artistic candles crafted in various shapes, sizes, and colors. These candles often reflect the region's cultural motifs and symbols.

RANGWALI PICHORA OF KUMAON



Rangwali Pichora is a traditional craft involving the creation of colorful hand printed/handwoven cotton/silk/woollen shawls. The designs and patterns showcase the rich cultural heritage of the Kumaon region.

UTTARAKHAND AIPAN

Aipan is a traditional folkart form involving the creation of intricate geometric patterns using rice paste or chalk. It's usually seen on floors, walls, or courtyards during religious and cultural ceremonies.

UTTARAKHAND TAMTA PRODUCTS

Artisans in Uttarakhand craft various items like utensils, decorative pieces, and religious artifacts using copper. These items are known for their intricate designs and durability.

CHAMOLI WOODEN RAMAAN MASK

Ramaan masks are carved from wood and used in traditional folk dances and cultural performances. These masks often represent deities, animals, or

UTTARAKHAND RINGAAL CRAFT

Ringaal products are crafted from a type of local grass called 'Ringaal.' Artisans use it to create items like mats, baskets, and ropes due to its strength and flexibility.

ODOP With the One District-Two Product Scheme, Uttarakhand's products are attracting the world

ONE DISTRICT TWO PRODUCTS UTTARAKHAND

District	Product-1	Product-2
Almora	Ball Mithai	Tweed
Bageshwar	Copper Products	Kiwi Products
Chamoli	Handloom Products	Rose Water
Haridwar	Jaggery	Honey
Champawat	Iron Based Products	Honey
Dehradun	Bakery Products	Mushroom
Rudraprayag	Temple Imitation	Cholai Products
Nainital	Aipan Craft	Fruit Processing
Pauri	Wooden Craft	Herbal Products
Udhamsingh Nagar	Mentha Oil	Moonj Grass Products
Uttarkashi	Red Rice	Apple Products
Pithoragarh	Woolen Carpets	Munsyari Rajma
Tehri	Paneer	Tehri Nath

Uttarakhand's Crafts & Organic Products from Local to Global

Tourists should spend 5% of their travel spending on local products: Prime Minister

To achieve the goal of self-reliant country Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken of Vocal for local. With the aim of promoting local products, One District-One Product Scheme has been started by the Government of India.

Uttarakhand Government has taken this scheme forward as "One District Two Products" under the leadship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

Programme done in Mana Village near Badrinath Dhaam Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has appealed to the people of the country to spend 5% of their travelled spending on Local Products.

Due to this tremendous step, a big change will be seen in local economy.

Any region is identified by its local language & products. Efforts should be made to promote them.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will offer bagina at the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) reservoir in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya at 10.30 am on Monday. He will be accompanied by DyCM DK Shivakumar and other ministers. As of Saturday morning, the water level at KRS stood at 123.25 ft as against the maximum 124.8 ft. While the inflow was 73,811 cusecs, outflow was 38,983 cusecs

AFTER 'REVOLUTION' REMARK, RAJANNA HINTS AT SATISH AS NEXT STATE CONG PREZ

Says time will decide everything, will quit politics if Siddu retires; Power struggle in Congress has peaked, says LoP

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@ Tumakuru

KARNATAKA Cooperation Minister **KN Rajanna** said that PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi may be appointed the KPCC president, replacing the incumbent DK Shivakumar, who is the Deputy Chief Minister.

Rajanna had earlier said that there will be a "revolution" in Karnataka politics after September. He also said that AICC general secretary and Karnataka in-charge of party affairs Randeep Singh Surjewala coming to the state to hear the grievances of the legislators pertaining to the government and the ministers does not bother him. "Surjewala, who comes to the state, will discuss with party leaders. But what instruction can he give me?" Rajanna said, adding that it is up to the high command to decide if Siddaramaiah will continue as the CM. "Let Shivakumar be made the PM or the CM. I have no objection. Party high command will decide on the next KPCC chief. I think Satish Jarkiholi can become the state Congress chief. Time will decide everything," Rajanna said, adding that he will quit politics if Siddaramaiah retires. "Don't think that just because I said there will be a revolution only in the Congress. There can be a revolution in the BJP too. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself can be replaced," Rajanna said.

Madhugiri as a district?

Rajanna said that he desires to get a district tag for his constituency, Madhugiri. Madhugiri is currently part of Tumakuru district. "I will make Madhugiri a separate district. This work will be done during my term as minister. Tumakuru district is geographically large, and it can be divided into three districts, just like Dharwad, as even Tiptur has the potential to be a separate district," he said.

Ashoka predicts change of guard in state before Dasara

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@ Mysuru

LEADER of Opposition in the Assembly **R Ashoka** has claimed that there would be a change of guard in Karnataka ahead of this year's Dasara festivities.

Speaking to the media in Mysuru on Saturday, Ashoka predicted that the Dasara festivities will not be held under the leadership of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. "We will have a new Chief Minister before Dasara. I have already said this in the Assembly. A change is inevitable. There is already an internal fight for the Chief Minister's post in the Congress. What you're seeing now is just a trailer, the full film will play out soon. The new CM will inaugurate Dasara festivities. Even Congress MLAs and ministers are acknowledging this. Siddaramaiah is engaging in politics built on lies. The power struggle in Congress has peaked," he said.

On the possible change in leadership in Karnataka BJP, Ashoka dismissed any speculation. "There have been no discussions about changing the state president or the LoP. I am required to visit Delhi every three months to submit a report to the party high command. I went yesterday and did just that. There's no election for the state president right now. That process will happen much later, after changes in other states," he said.

Reacting to a meeting of BJP leaders at former deputy chief minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan's residence in Bengaluru on Friday, Ashoka said, "The meeting was supposed to be at my house, but since I was away, it was held at his place instead. The party has instructed us to hold meetings of senior leaders every fortnight to sort out any confusion."

PROTEST MODE

Congress workers, led by KPCC women's wing president Sowmya Reddy, protest against BJP for their comments against former PM Indira Gandhi, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Congress will pay price for neglecting SES-2015, claims Union Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav on Saturday predicted that the Congress in Karnataka will meet the same fate as its national counterpart as it has ignored the Socio-Economic Educational Survey-2015 (caste census report).

Delivering the keynote address at the seminar 'Caste Census: Retrospective-Prospective' organised by the Social Justice Awareness Forum at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Yadav said that Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his government and LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi were anti-backward classes.

The Karnataka government had recently shelved the caste census of 2015 and opted for a fresh survey. Yadav said that the Congress lost power at the Centre because it ignored the Kaka Kalelkar Commission report recommending the upliftment of backward classes socially and educationally. He expressed confidence that when the backward classes become aware that the Congress is averse to their upliftment in Karnataka, it will not be able to return to power.

"Why did those who (Rahul Gandhi) keep the Constitution in their pockets not implement the Kaka Kalelkar Commission report? After the country became independent from the Emergency and from family rule, the Janata Party came to power at the Centre. It also formed the Mandal Commission. The Congress was out of power when the issue of justice for OBCs came to the fore. But when it came to power a few years later, it had ignored the Mandal Commission report as it did it with the Kaka Kalelkar report," Yadav said, adding that the BJP-backed VP Singh government implemented the Mandal Commission report and got reservation for OBCs.

"While some people keep the Constitution in their pockets, we keep it in our souls. As a result of neglecting the backward classes, the Congress has lost power in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal," he said.

"Untouchability is a stain on humanity. That is why the reservation was given," he reasoned.

Retired Judge of the Karnataka State High Court Justice Dr K Bhaktavatsala, inaugurating the event, said that the population of the country is the biggest asset and a caste census is very important. "This is not an easy task. Everyone needs to cooperate. Political representation in local bodies is just a namesake, which is why statistics are necessary to provide justice to the downtrodden, Dalits, and poor," he said. He said that a system should be implemented to collect a fixed amount from those above the age of 30 who have not paid taxes and provide them with a pension after 60 years.

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav addresses the media in Bengaluru on Saturday. Karnataka BJP chief BY Vijayendra and MLC CT Ravi are seen | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Grand Mysuru Dasara festivities from Sept 22

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THE state festival Mysuru Dasara will be celebrated in a grand manner in Mysuru from September 22 to October 2, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Saturday. This year, it is celebrated over 11 days, rather than the usual 10, due to a rare astronomical occurrence.

Speaking to media persons after the high-powered committee meeting in Bengaluru, the CM said that over 10 lakh people are expected to attend the celebrations.

The high-powered committee has authorised the CM to decide on the chief guest to inaugurate the celebrations. Siddaramaiah said there were suggestions on inviting a woman or a Gandhian as chief guest, and he would decide on it within a week or 15 days.

Terming it a world-famous festival, the CM said it should be a festival of people and also that of the government.

Giving details about the celebrations, the CM said Gajapayana, the ceremonial journey of Dasara elephants from their forest camps to Mysuru, which marks the beginning of the festivities, will start on August 4 and the Dasara festival will be inaugurated between 10.10 am and 10.40 am on September 22. On the day of Vijayadashmi on October 2, Nandi Dhwaja pooja will be performed at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, and Jambusavari- pushparchane, the offering of flowers to the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, will be performed on the premises of Mysuru Palace.

Last year, Rs 40 crore was given for the celebrations. This year too, funds required for grand celebrations will be provided, the CM said.

The officials were directed to plan the programmes to highlight the government's guarantee schemes and other welfare programmes. Vijayadashami is on October 2 and the officials have been directed to make provisions for a tableau that highlights Mahatma Gandhi's principles.

The CM directed officials to reduce the number of seats in front of the Palace to reduce crowding, ensure illumination in Mysuru like it was done last year, gold cards should be distributed without scope for any confusion, and create basic facilities like parking and toilets for those coming to Mysuru to witness Dasara. A drone show will also be organised on a big scale during Dasara.

Tension as Cong workers protest near BJP office

BENGALURU: Congress workers attempted to siege the BJP office in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, on Saturday. BJP leaders, after learning about the incident, rushed to their party office. Police personnel prevented workers of both the parties from attacking each other. The Congress workers tried to lay siege to the BJP office twice. Police personnel detained the Congress workers and took them in a van. "Congress workers were taken into preventive custody when they gathered outside the BJP office and protested against the party allegedly insulting former PM Indira Gandhi on the anniverssary of the Emergency. At least 20 of them were taken into preventive custody," said the police. The protest comes days after a complaint was filed against Karnataka BJP's social media handle over an alleged post put up by the party comparing Indira Gandhi to Adolf Hitler. The complaint was filed by KPCC general secretary S Manohar. "BJP's official 'X' account (@BJP4Karnataka) at 3.54 pm on Wednesday captioned "INDIRA NOT EQUALS INDIA, INDIRA = HITLER" was accompanied by a 38-second video related to the Emergency period in India," Manohar said in his complaint. **ENS**

Turbulence in Cong as Siddu govt nears midway mark

AS Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's government approaches its midway mark, completing two-and-a-half years in office in November, it is facing severe turbulence.

After finding itself in a difficult situation over a stampede during the RCB's IPL 2025 victory celebrations in Bengaluru that claimed 11 lives, and a setback over the contentious 2015 caste survey report that was spiked on the high command's directions, rumblings within the party have come out in open to put the government in a tight spot.

Earlier this week, the murmurs and cacophony in the party got louder, and at one point, it seemed like a free-for-all situation. The ruling party legislators spoke openly about multiple power centres in the government and the party, alleged corruption in the allocation of houses to the poor, sought a minister's resignation, and hinted at a 'revolution' in the state politics after September.

As Chief Minister Siddaramaiah attempts to portray an all-is-well image, the party's central leadership is said to be stepping in for damage control. Back-to-back setbacks could undo the gains the government accrued by implementing the guarantee schemes. Also, the party cannot afford to lose the perception battle, even if the opposition hasn't been able to capitalise on the government's slip-ups to the extent sought.

The latest round of trouble for the government started after senior Congress leader and Aland (Kalaburagi district) MLA BR Patil alleged corruption in allocation of houses to the poor by the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation. In his phone conversation with Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan's Private Secretary Sarfaraz Khan, the legislator questioned if such allocation has become a business.

The leaked audio clip put the government on the mat. It was squirming for defence after the MLA stuck to his stand. Complicating matters for the government, a few other MLAs backed Patil's views. MLA Raju Kage, who endorsed Patil's views, threatened to resign over lack of funds for development works and another MLA Belur Gopalakrishna suggested that Zameer Ahmed should resign.

The party insiders said the issue of MLAs expressing displeasure came up for discussions during the CM's meeting with party central leaders in New Delhi, where he was asked to take MLAs into confidence.

As soon as he landed in Bengaluru, the CM spoke to Patil and Kage. On his part, Zameer Ahmed refuted accusations of any wrongdoing in the allocation of houses and suggested that the claims should be investigated. However, it is not clear whether the party and the CM, who rushed to deal with the political fallout, will show the same alacrity in getting the allegations investigated.

Unlike in his first tenure as CM, from 2013-18, the party's central leadership is now more assertive and often sends out a message that they are the ones calling the shots. That was evident in the caste survey issue in which Siddaramaiah, who was defending it all along, despite stiff opposition from the dominant Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities, had to change his stand. The delay in getting names cleared for nomination to the four vacant seats in the State Legislative Council also speaks volumes about multiple power centres and the changing dynamics within the party.

Cooperative Minister KN Rajanna, who is considered to be a confidante of the CM, stated, "Earlier, from 2013 to 2018, there was only one power centre (the CM). Now, there are more power centres. 1,2,3... When you have more power centres, there will be more hassles..."

Perhaps, Rajanna was indicating how the CM has to negotiate his way with a more assertive high command, and the equally assertive and ambitious Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, who nurtures the ambition of becoming the CM.

The DyCM's camp appears to be banking on a power-sharing agreement said to have been reached before the government formation. The party has neither publicly accepted nor denied the existence of such an agreement to share power between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, who together led the party to a thumping victory in the May 2023 assembly polls.

Both camps seem to be doing their best to bolster their positions as the government heads towards the mid-way mark. Some insiders in the party point to the high command's refusal to budge to a demand by a section of Congress leaders for a change of the party's state president and not greenlighting cabinet reshuffle as an indication of things to come. According to them, changes are likely to happen after November.

As of now, Rajanna's remarks on developments in September have triggered a political debate. While some say the ministers and MLAs are positioning themselves for a big shake-up, others rule out any major change except a cabinet reshuffle to accommodate a few new faces.

Expectedly, different camps will look at the recent developments differently. Hardly anyone in the political circles could ignore Rajanna's remarks, although the CM suggests "it is better to ignore it".

SEPARATE MINISTRY FOR SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES, SAYS SHIVAKUMAR

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A separate ministry for small-scale industries will be formed in Karnataka, in line with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's directive, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Shivakumar was speaking after inaugurating the Centre of Excellence and Innovation and an Exhibition Centre established by the Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), which is celebrating its 75th year. This centre will offer training, research and affordable exhibition space to promote innovation, productivity and rural youth skill development.

Comparing Karnataka with other states, the DyCM said, "Many states offer attractive policies for small-scale industries, but they lack quality talent. In Karnataka, we are planning to start a new training centre dedicated to small industries. I am here today to assure you that the government fully supports this organisation and its vision."

Reflecting on his understanding of the sector, he said, "I have closely observed the challenges small-scale industries face in creating employment. Banks continue to favour large corporations, even though the Centre has announced collateral-free loans for MSMEs. KASSIA must mount more pressure on the government to ensure action."

DyCM DK Shivakumar inaugurates buildings of Centre of Excellence and Innovation and an exhibition centre of KASSIA in Dabaspet on Saturday | EXPRESS

Speaking to the media on the sidelines, Shivakumar said, "There is a rule that 20% of grants from KIADB should be reserved for small industries. I will raise this issue with Industries Minister MB Patil and bring it up in the next Cabinet meeting. We need to shift our focus more towards supporting small-scale industries."

On the difficulties in promoting small scale industry products, President of KASSIA MG Rajagopal said, "Since it is difficult for us to exhibit our product due to the high fees charged by other exhibition centres, we have constructed this centre to enable exhibition of the products from MSMEs."

No immediate decision on minimum wage hike: DyCM

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar assured small-scale industrialists that no immediate decision will be taken on the proposed minimum wage hike. "I have advised the Labour Minister not to act hastily on the wage hike. No decision will be taken without the consent of the Chief Minister and myself," he said.

His assurance comes in response to concerns raised by small scale industries that Karnataka could become the costliest state for labour, forcing units to move to states like Tamil Nadu or Telangana, where wages are lower.

"You have raised important issues about human resources in the sector. I've already discussed this with the CM and directed the Labour Minister accordingly. You need to meet ministers personally and explain your problems - some still believe only IT/BT constitutes industry," Shivakumar said.

A Mangaluru resident lost Rs 16 lakh after being conned by a private firm promising a UK job visa. The victim had responded to a Facebook ad by UK-IN-REGAL Academy in Kodialbail, which assured a visa within 90 days upon payment. After paying Rs 2 lakh as an advance and later Rs 14 lakh in instalments the victim grew suspicious when the visa never arrived, and filed a complaint for cheating

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ED raids 17 locations in seat-blocking scam investigation

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THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has unearthed evidence of large-scale seat-blocking and the use of cash in the admission process for professional courses at private institutes in Bengaluru. The findings emerged after the ED conducted search operations at 17 locations linked to a seat blocking scam in three private engineering colleges in the city.

The raids were carried out on June 25 and 26 at the office premises of BMS College of Engineering, Akash Institute of Engineering and Technology, and New Horizon College of Engineering, and individuals associated with these institutions. The searches were conducted under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Premises of certain educational consultancy firms and private agents involved in the scam were also searched.

According to a press release by the ED, "An extensive network of agents and educational consultancy service providers facilitated student admissions from across India into these institutes. Admissions under the management quota were often conducted opaquely, based on extraneous considerations such as cash payments."

The agency said it found and seized proceeds of crime in the form of cash worth approximately Rs 1.37 crore during the search. Several incriminating documents related to money laundering and digital devices were also seized.

The ED had launched its investigation based on an FIR registered by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) against BMS College of Engineering, Akash Institute of Engineering and Technology, New Horizon College of Engineering, and unknown persons under various sections of the IPC/BNSS.

It is alleged that these colleges, in collusion with unidentified individuals, accessed KEA student login credentials and blocked seats in the names of students who never intended to take admission.

WATER SLOG

Motorists wade through a waterlogged road at the underpass linking Millers Road to Cantonment Railway Station, where rainwater has stagnanted for over a week due to a blocked stormwater drain, on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Depressed woman keeps dead dog for days, plaint filed

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@Bengaluru

A police case has been registered against a woman staying at Doddanekundi after she was accused of killing one of her pet dogs and keeping its carcass for days that led to foul smell coming out of her flat.

Dr KL Rudresh Kumar, the assistant director of the Animal Husbandry (AH) Wing of the KR Puram subdivision of BBMP, filed the police complaint. The 38-year-old woman, Triparna Paik, stays at the flat number J-404 at Akme Ballet Apartment in Doddanekundi.

The animal husbandry team arrived at her flat after the apartment residents' association complained to the BBMP over foul smell emanating from her flat. Around 11 am on

Thursday, the BBMP team came to the apartment, but she refused to let them in. The officers then had to call the police control room.

A Hoysala patrolling team arrived at the spot and convinced her to let the BBMP team in. When they went inside, they saw two dogs that were not looked after properly, while the carcass of the dead dog hidden away.

The woman, who is unmarried and staying alone, was found to be suffering from depression. Her parents said she had started an infotech company, but had to shut it during Covid years. She later went into a deep depression. A dog lover, she had kept four labradors and spent most of her time with them. One of her dogs died two days ago. Instead of burying or cremating it, she kept the carcass leading to the foul smell coming out of her flat.

"We think the dog died of natural causes. There were rumours that she killed the dog for black magic. But we did not find any evidence to prove that. The other dogs have been taken away by the animal husbandry team. She is accused of killing another dog and we are looking into it. She has not been arrested," said an officer.

Implement door-to-door policing effectively: Home Minister

Bengaluru:If the door-to-door police initiative is successfully implemented, the state police will earn national recognition, said Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara after reviewing progress during the second day of the Annual Conference of Senior Police Officers held at the State Police Headquarters. The initiative will help in preventing crimes when police personnel visit homes as they gain direct insight into the issues within their station limits, the home minister said. He added that Karnataka police should set an example for other state police forces. "Officers and personnel must undergo regular training. We should adopt new technologies. Several types of software applications have been developed and launched within the department. It is necessary to analyse data to assess their effectiveness. Without it, these technologies hold no value. Other states should be able to learn from our police department. Officers should avoid making complainants run from pillar to post. Complaints must be received and responded to in a citizen-friendly manner," he said. "Officers must work at the ground level. Issues such as hatred and communal conflicts must be anticipated and addressed. During festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi and Muharram, various challenges arise. It is crucial to be mindful of these beforehand," he said. He also noted that the conviction rate is low in cases of atrocities against the SCs, STs, women, and children. "We have set up 33 Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement police stations across the state to address crimes against SCs, STs," he said. Referring to drug-related issues, he said the Chief Minister has issued strict directions. "Cracking down on drug networks is not rocket science. Officers must take greater ownership of drug cases and ensure that the main accused are not spared," he added.

Caste census: BBMP officer abused in HSR Layout

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

THE Zonal Commissioner of Bommanahalli Zone, BBMP, along with her team from the Revenue Department, was abused and threatened by a resident of a multi-storeyed residential complex in HSR Layout, 6th Sector, when they had gone to conduct a caste census.

The incident occurred between 1.15 pm and 1.45 pm on Monday. The Zonal Commissioner has filed a criminal case against the woman for assault or use of criminal force to deter public servants from discharging their duties. Due to the commotion, other residents refused to open their doors. The officers had to summon the flat owners to convince their tenants to provide details for the caste census. The HSR Layout police have registered a case regarding the incident.

A complaint has been registered against one K Pavithra residing in Flat No. 402 of the apartment located on 9th Main in HSR Layout, 6th Sector, by the Zonal Commissioner on Wednesday.

"The woman was very aggressive and abusive. We did not want to file a police complaint initially, but the woman was not apologetic. She claimed to be from Mysuru. As soon as she opened the door, she started raising her voice. If she was not interested, she could have simply said she did not want to share any information and closed the door. But instead, she continued abusing us. Because of this one incident, we could not collect information from others. There are around 10 flats in the complex. With no other option left, we had to report the matter to the police to ensure it wouldn't be repeated," said an officer who was part of the team.

"The complaint was filed on Wednesday. The case is still under investigation. No arrests have been made. We have issued a notice to the accused," said an officer.

A case of assault or use of criminal force to deter a public servant from the discharge of duty (BNS 132), and intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace (BNS 352), has been registered against the accused.

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E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on the dates mentioned below for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)
The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits are also mentioned hereunder.

Union Bank of India, Club Road Koramangala Branch
No. 83, 17 D Main, 6th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560095
Mail ID : ubin0906204@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
(1) Mr. Solomonraja, Flat No F-D, 1st Floor, Topaz Terraces, R K Township, Yarandahalli Vil,Jigani Hobli, Anekal Tk, Bengaluru 560099 **Also at : a)** No:30, 1st Main Road, Vijaya Bank Colony,Dodda Banaswadi Bangalore 560043, **b)** No:8, Itiana Apartment, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, 560016,**c)**I Fly System Unsolution In Ltd No 13 Nehru Road Kammanahalli, Bangalore Karnataka ,560043, **d)** Block No :1, 1st Floor, Subbanapalya, Kullappa Circle, Bangalore – 560004, **e)** No: 503, Elegancy Apartments, R.K.Township, Bangalore 560099, **(2) Mrs. Leesha,** Flat No F-D 1st Floor, Topaz Terraces, R K Township, Yarandahalli Vil,Jigani Hobli, Anekal Tk, Bengaluru-560099, **Also at : a)** No:30, 1st Main Road, Vijaya Bank Colony, Dodda Banaswadi Bangalore 560043,**b)** No:8, Itiana Apartment, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, 560016.
Amount Due : Rs.88,75,757.25/- (Rupees Eighty-Eight Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven and Twenty-Five Paise only)As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. F-D,1st Floor, Site No 445 and 446, Topaz Terraces, R K Township, YarandahalliVil, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru measuring 792 Sq.ft of super built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, stair case & other area of common use, together with car parking area in the basement floor and bounded on the East by : Site #427 & 428, West by: Road, North by : Site #447, South by : Site #444.

Reserve Price:Rs.19,84,000/-
(Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand only)
EMD: Rs.1,98,400/-
(Rs One Lakh Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred only)

For Auction related queries contact Union Bank of India,
Club Road Koramangala Branch, Contact No: 9372706202

Union Bank of India, Sarjapur Branch
D.No.84, Above Super Market,Attibele Road,Sarjapur,Bangalore, Karnataka-562125, Mail ID: ubin0913219@unionbankofindia.bank

2. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mr.Harish.R.S/o.Sri.Ranganath,No.327/54A, Seekanapalli, Berigai, Hosur, Krishnagiri,Tamilnadu,2. **Mr.Amaresh** S/o,Sri.Ranganath, No.1/54, Seekanapalli, Berigai, Hosur, Krishnagiri,Tamilnadu-635105
3.Mr.Devaraj.H S/o.Hanumanthappa, No.2 10, Magadevapuram Sulagunda, B Gurubarapalli, Hosur Taluk, Dharmapuri,Tamilnadu-635105, **4.Mr.Ramachandrappa**.S/o. Late. Appi Reddy, 54, Seekanapalli, Berigai, Hosur, Krishnagiri, Tamilnadu-635105.
Amount Due :Rs.1,27,79,724/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty-Seven Lakh Seventy-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-four only)**As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses**
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece & parcel property Registered Mortgage of Land & Building Measuring 289.52 sq.mt.Belonging to No.4 ,Situated At D.No.326 Under Sy.No.115/3,of Seekanapalli, Berigai, Shoolagiri SRO, Hosur, Krishnagiri, Tamilnadu-635105 7 bounded on: **East:** Common Way,**West:** Vacant Site, **North:** House Belonging To Chandrappa,**South:** House Belonging To Ranganath

Reserve Price:Rs.22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty -Two Lakh only)
EMD: Rs.2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Sarjapur Branch, **Contact No: 9300030084**

Union Bank of India, Kasavanahalli Branch
D.No. 9/1 A, SVR Mansion, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore 560035,
Mail ID: ubin0822183@unionbankofindia.bank

3. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Chandan Singh, Permanent address:# No. 52, 3rd main road, Singapura layout, Vidyaraanyapura post, Near super market,Bangalore North, Karnataka-560097, **Property address:**# Flat No.103, 1st floor, Tejiyh Elegant, Seegehalli village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East, Karnataka-560049
Amount Due :Rs.76,48,148.98 (Rupees Seventy-Six Lakh Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight and Ninety-Eight Paise only)As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of Residential 2 BHK apartment flat No. 103, situated onthe first floor, in the multistoried apartment building known as "Tejith Elegant" measuring super built up area 1220 sqft (Undivided share of 447.60 sq ft) including of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts staircase and all other areas of common use along with one car parking and bounded on:East by : Open to Sky, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Flat No 102, South by : Flat No 104

Reserve Price:Rs.72,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakh Only)
EMD: Rs.7,20,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Kasavanahalli Branch, **Contact No: 9740613435**

Union Bank of India, Banagalore City (Sulthanpet) Branch
 # 24 Keshavnivas, Kavikalidas Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009
Mail ID : ubin0900222@unionbankofindia.bank

4. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1. Shivananda G, No.7, 'D' Grade House, University Quarters, Jnanabharathi Post, Bangalore -560 056, **2. Bhagyamma,** No.7, 'D' Grade House, University Quarters, Jnanabharathi Post, Bangalore -560 056
Amount Due :Rs.12,38,631/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Thirty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-One Only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of the Secured Assets: EMG of Flat No. B-21//001,One BHK situated at Valagerahalli-2, Kengeri, Bangalore

Reserve Price:Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh only)
EMD: Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Bangalore City Branch, **Contact No: 8511323132**

Union Bank of India, Haines Road Branch
Address at : No.1, Elegant Dizer, Pulikeshi Nagar, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005, Mail ID : ubin0545775@unionbankofindia.bank

5. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1. Mrs.Tarannum, No.32,2ndFloor,Veeranna Garden,Moore Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. **2.Syed Ibrahim,** No.32, 2ndFloor, Veeranna Garden, Moore Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005.
Amount Due : Rs.34,46,491.18/- (Rupees Thirty-Four Lakh Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-one and Eighteen Paise only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Flat Located on 2 nd Floor, With Super Built Up Area of 500sqft Built on Property Bearing BBMP (Bangalore Mahanagara Palike) No.32, PID No.91-46-32 situated on Veeranna Garden, Frazer Town, Bangalore-05 and bounded are as under: East By : Common Passage 4ft Wide Leading to Street,West By: Private property no.32/1 Veeranna Garden, North By: Private property, Sout By: Private property.

Reserve Price:Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty -Five Lakh Only)
EMD: Rs.2,50, 000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand only)

6. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mr. Ilyaz Ahmad S/o Farooq Ahmad,No.52, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Manganampalya, Main Road Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 **Also at :**Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, Unik Paradise, 2nd Block, Shampura, Bangalore-560045,2. **Mrs. Hajira N** ,No.52, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Manganampalya, Main Road Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 **Also at :**Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, Unik Paradise, 2nd Block, Shampura, Bangalore-560045
Amount Due :Rs.50,92,862.98/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Ninety-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and Ninety-Eight Paise only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of immovable property land and building property bearing Unik Paradise Apartment Flat No.103, First Floor, Property New BBMP No.8, PID No-95-349-8, Site No.43 & 43A, Katha No.1378 & 1379, Krishnappa Layout, Shampura New Extension 2nd Block, Shampura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru 560045 owned by Mr. Iliyaz Ahamad and bounded by :East by :4th Cross Road, West by : Property Nos. 40 & 41, North by :Property No.44,South by : Property No.42.

Reserve Price:Rs.40,50,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)
EMD: Rs.4,05, 000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Five Thousand only)

7. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
ABEL R Construction, No.15,Old No.27,Yathiraju Naidu Road, D.H.Halli, Bangalore 560005. **Represented by its Proprietor 1. Abel.R** S/o. Robert, **2. Theresa** (Guarantor)W/o. Robert, Both Are Residing At : No.685/5, New No.104,Tannery Road, D.J Halli,Bangalore.
Amount Due : Rs.32,56,502.87 (Rupees Thirty-Two Lakh Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred two and Eighty-Seven Paise only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential house property stilt, ground, two upper floorsand terrace floor, RCC building with all amenities constructed on the BBMP municipal site bearing No.685/1,New No.104, A.K.Colony, 4th Cross, TanneryRoad, Devarajeevanahalli, Bangalore measuring East toWest 20 Feet and North to South 48 feet and bounded on :East by: Property No.285, West by: Common Passage, North by: Passage and thereafter property New No.107, South by: Road.

Reserve Price:Rs.71,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-One Lakh Only)
EMD: Rs.7,10,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Ten Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Haines Road Branch, **Contact No: 9542222724**

Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road Branch
No.21, Ulsoor Road, Opp: Telephone Exchange, Bengaluru-560042
Mail ID-: ubin0800996@unionbankofindia.bank

8. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mrs Shanta Bai (Borrower) W/o Late Rathnakar, Shiva Nilaya, Near Anjanadri Complex No 5/1, 2Nd Cross, M M Road, Byataranapura, Bangalore-560026, **2. Mr Roshan R** (Co-Borrower) S/o Late Rathnakar, Shiva Nilaya, Near Anjanadri Complex No 5/1, 2Nd Cross, M M Road, Byataranapura, Bangalore-560026
Amount Due :Rs.35,65,989.12 (Rupees Thirty-Five Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine and Twelve Paise only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Land & Building being front portion of property bearing No 5,Shiva Nilaya, Municipal No 5/1 ,PID no 41-47-5/1 measuring East to West 28 ft and North to South 28 ft, totally measuring 784 sq ft situated at 2nd cross, Byataranapura,Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026 owned by Shanta Bai and bounded by East by : Passage of 12 ft width * 28ft length, West by : Property belonging to Chikkathimmaiah, North by : Portions of the rest of said property retained by vendors, South by : Road.

Reserve Price:Rs.72,78,975/-
(Rs Seventy-Two Lakh Seventy Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five only)
EMD: Rs.7,27,897.50
(Rs. Seven Lakh Twenty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven & Fifty Paise only)

9. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mr. C S Devaraj S/O Mr. C R Sathya Devan,BT 26 IttinaNeela Apartments Near Gold Cons Club, AndapuraElectronics City Bangalore-560100,**Guarantor :** 2. Mrs.Biji Devraj S/O Mr. C S Devaraj ,BT 26 IttinaNeela Apartments Near Gold Cons Club, AndapuraElectronics City Bangalore-560100
Amount Due :Rs.13,81,115.66/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and Sixty-Six Paise only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Schedule-A: All the piece and parcel of properties bearing (1) Sy No 5/3 measuring 2 acres 27 Guntas of land (2) Sy no 46 measuring 2 acres of land (3) sy no 47, Measuring 2 acres of Land and 4(4) Sy no 48 measuring 2 acres of land totally 8 acres 27 Guntas of Land Excluding Kharab, Situated at Andhapura Village, Attiblehobli, Anakal Taluk, Bangalore District Converted for Non agricultural Residential Purpose through the Conversion order bearing no BDS/ALN/SR9A) 66/2001-2002 dtd 26.02.2003 and bonded on : East by: Property bearing nos 46 & 5/4,West By: Property bearing SY nos 49 & 5/1,North By: Property bearing Sy nos 52,5/4 & 5/5, South By: Property bearing Sy no 45
Schedule B: (property Subject to IttinaNeela Apartments) All that Residential Apartment Bearing No BT-26 in Third Floor in Block 'B' of 'ITTINA NEELA' built in schedule property and measuring 1000 sq feet super Built area together with proportionate share in common area ,passage, lobbies, Staircase and other areas together with 300 sq feet undivided share ,right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in Schedule A property and a covered Car parking in the basement . East by: Site no 67A,West by: Site No 69 A, North by: Site No 76A, South by : Road.

Reserve Price:Rs.23,37,075/-
(Rupees Twenty-Three Lakh Thirty-Seven Thousand Seventy-Five only)
EMD: Rs.2,33,707.05
(Rupees Twenty-Three Lakh Thirty-Seven Thousand Seventy-Five only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Ulsoor Road Branch, **Contact No: 9008555435**

Union Bank of India, S. C. Road Branch
No. 71/1, Brigade Plaza, SC Road, Near Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009,
Mail ID: ubin0901440@unionbankofindia.bank

10. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mr.Saravanan.M, B4 206 Chandragiri Apartment Phase II Doddabanahalli, Kadugudi Plantation Bangalore-560061, **2. Ms.Kurinji Traders,** No.155 11 Ground Floor, Opp ST Joseph Convent School Whitefield, Bangalore-560066
Amount Due :Rs,78,44,403.73 (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred three and Seventy Three Paise only)As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property being Site No.18 Katha No.16/8/18, Property No.16/8, Situated at Basavanpura Village, KrishnarajapuraHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.53, Measuring East to West 28 fee, North to South 40 feet in all total measuring 1120 Sq.ft and bounded on :East by : Road,West by: Private Property ,North by: Site No.19,South by : Site No.17.

Reserve Price:Rs.38,55,600/-
(Rupees Thirty-Eight Lakh Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Only)
EMD: Rs.3,85,560/-
(Rupees Three Lakh Eighty-FiveThousand and Five Hundred and Sixty Only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
S.C. Branch, **Contact No: 98630806575/9740334621**

11. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mrs.Veena M G (Applicant) ,W/o.V.Puttegowda, No.20 Vammasandra, Mulbagal TqKolar Dist – 563131, 2. **Mr.V.Puttegowda** (Applicant) S/o V. Venkateshappa, No.20 Vammasandra, Mulbagal Tq Kolar Dist – 563131, **3.Mrs.Anjamma** (Legal heirs and others) W/o: Late Srinivas S (Co-applicant),No.534, Guru Murthy Layout,Near RTO Office, Kolar-563101, Kolar Dist.Karnataka.
Amount Due :Rs,3,58,78,618.30 (Rupees Three Crore Fifty-Eight Lakh Seventy-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and Thirty Paise only) +Up to date interest and other charges
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the residential site Khata No 48, situated at 3rd Main Road, Gowripet, Kolar Town, Kolar District measuring 1032 sqft, owned by Mr. M.S. Srinivas and bounded on :East by: House of Hirenna Gowda, West by:Municipal Road, North by: Main Road and South by: Road

Reserve Price:Rs.50,24,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Twenty-Four Thousand only)
EMD: Rs.5,02,400/-(Rupees Five Lakh Two Thousand Four Hundred Only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
S.C. Branch, **Contact No: 98630806575/9740334621**

Union Bank of India, C. T. Street Branch
Malkala Market,1st Floor, chowdeshwari Temple street, Avenue Road Cross, Bangalore -560002, Mail ID: ubin0537632@unionbankofindia.bank

12 Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Borrower:A.**M/s Chordia Multitrade Pvt Ltd,** 125,4th Main, 4th Main,4th Block,Thyagarajanagar Bangalore-560028.**2.Co-obligants/ Mortgagor :**A.Mr.Keerthi Jain, **B.**Mrs.Savita Jain,**C.**Ms. Neelam Jain, **D.**M/s. Vijayaraj (HUF) **All are residing at :**44/2,1st Floor, Dwarka Apartments Basavangudi, Bangalore karnataka-560004. **E.**Mr. Ajay Saini, S/o Mr. Shamsher Singh, Butani(28), Jind Haryana-126112
Amount Due :Rs.65,18,366.47 (Rupees Sixty-Five Lakh Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six and Forty-Seven Paise only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Schedule 'A' Property: All the piece & parcel of the property new Sy.No.223 (old Sy.No.173) measuring 2 acres converted vide official Memorandum bearing no. ALN(A)(A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010 situated at indlabele Village, AttibeleHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Bounded as follows:East by: Sarjapur Main Road,West by: Sy. No. 173,North by: Sy. No. 180 & 181,South by : Sai Layout
Schedule 'B' Property :507 Sq. Ft of undivided share of right, title and interest and ownership in schedule A property
Schedule 'C' Property : All the piece & parcel of three-bedroom residential apartment bearing A-112 of A Block now bearing Bidaraguppe Gramapanchayath E-katha Bearing No.150200100200320708, flat No.248/A-112 on the first floor of the building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule A property, having a super built up area of 1375 Sqft. (Which is inclusive of floors, ceiling and walls between the apartment and portion of share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in basement and bounded on :East by: Flat No. A 110,West by: Flat No. A 114,North by: Open Space,South by : Flat No. A-111

Reserve Price:Rs.34,77,600/-
(RupeesThirty-Four Lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred only)
EMD: Rs.3,47,760/-
(Rupees Three Lakh Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
C. T. Street Branch, **Contact No: 9443552158**

Union Bank of India, Branch - Bangalore PBS Koramangala
Survey Of India Comp, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore, Kar- 560034
Mail ID- ubin0551546@unionbankofindia.bank

13. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
Mr. M Venkataswamy Reddy, 17,3rd Main Kumaravyasa Road, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050.
Amount Due : Rs.25,26,786/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakh Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six only) **As on** 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property in the name of Venkataswamy Reddy situated at Sarakki Village, UttarahaltiHobli, Bangalore South Taluk Earlier Bommanahalli CMC, Presently BBMP at Apartment No.5 of 2nd Floor with proportionate undivided interest in property No.1, H.L No 8/1 Katha no.1124 with a super built area of 400 sq ft with 129 sq ft proportionate undivided share of right, title & interest in the composite land measuring East to West - (23+20)/2ft & North to South 36 ft in all admeasuring 774 Sqft& Bounded on the:East by:- Property No.2, West by:- Road, North by:- Road, South by:- Remaining portion of the same property.

Reserve Price:Rs.23,00,000/-(Rupees Twenty-Three Lakh only)
EMD: Rs.2,30,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Bangalore PBS Koramangala Branch, **Contact No: 9137012520**

Date and Time of E-auction 15.07.2025 (12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last Date for Submission of EMD : On or before commencement of e-auction
E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://baanknet.com and http://www.unionbankof india.co.in**
The online E- auction will be held through website:https://baanknet.com

Date: 26.06.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephone.: 0135 - 2763508, 2763808 Fax- 0135 - 2763507
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

Ref. No.: 485 Dated : 28.06.2025

Date Extension-02

Due to unavoidable reason dates of e- tender no- 02/EE(E&M)/Ichari dam/2025-26 are being extended as follows in the work of "Under water replacement of sill beam, T guide and bottom back guide of spillway stop log gates no-05 & 07 of Ichari Dam"

Last date of downloading the tender: upto 16:00 hrs of 04.07.2025
Last date for submission of bids : upto 16:00 hrs of 07.07.2025
Tender opening Date & Time : 12:30 hrs of 09.07.2025
All other terms & conditions remain shall remain same. For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"https://uktenders.gov.in"**

Executive Engineer (E&M) Ichari Dam

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

THANKSGIVING
THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus. in the past. I have asked for many favors. This time. I ask you this very special favor (mention favor). Take it dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favor. not mine.

Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favor will be granted. no matter how impossible. Never known to fail.

Dear lord thank you for all Favors received. Seeking your graces, blessings and mercies always for me and my family.

JOSEPH GEORGE

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Doddamuniyamma** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Muniyappa, S/o Motte Munishamappa, was died on 31/03/2013** at Gokare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 23/07/2025 at 11.00 A.M in C.Misc No.245/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Smt. Ume Salma, Advocate

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Bid No. E-16/2025-2026 **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 24.06.2025

E-tender is invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class-III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence. **S. No., Tender No., (Due Date), Description and quantity.**
1. 04251072, (26.08.2025) Fire Extinguishing System 22.5 Kg. CO2 PL No. 29170977, 677 sets. **2.** 04251087, (02.09.2025) Spacer to PL No. 29230100, 34565 Nos. **3.** 04251010, (05.08.2025) Bearing Adapter ASM to PL No. 17021170, 408 Set. **4.** 04251014A, (14.07.2025) Bearing ASM Roller to PL No. 17400030, 194 Nos. **5.** 04251030, (12.08.2025) Housing to PL No. 29100057, 2744 Nos. **Bid No. IREPS-AT/E-16/2025-2026 Dated: 25.06.2025 6.** 09251224A, Open Tender (14.07.2025) MULTI CORE CABLE (PL No 29600352), Qty. 7104 MTR. **7.** 09251221A, Open Tender (14.07.2025) MULTI CORE CABLE (PL No 29600327), Qty. 29512 MTR. **8.** 09251204, Open Tender (18.07.2025) SINGL CORE CABLE (PL No 29600078), Qty. 1804579 MTR. **9.** 09251135, Open Tender (23.07.2025) RETRO-FITMENT OF CAB AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT (PL No 1754N5869), Qty. 922 Nos. AND SUPPLY OF ENHANCED COOLING CAPACIT (2.5 TR) CAB MOUNTED COMPACT HVAC (PL No 18050128), Qty. 922 Nos. **Bid No. E-16/2025-2026 Date: 27.06.2025 10.** 10251160 (17.07.2025) Main Bearing Upper Inter (PL No 16150030), Qty. 950 Nos. **11.** 10251114 (04.08.2025) Wave Spring (PL No 16160174, Qty. 361 Nos. **Bid No. E-16/2025-2026 Date: 23.06.2025. 12.** 06251882 (30.09.2025, 15.00 Hrs.), (PL No 29612925), LED Marker Light, Qty. 2676 Set. **Bid No. E-16/2025-2026 Date: 24.06.2025. 13.** Bid No. E-08/25-26, 01251257 SS Pipe Fittings For bogie Piping Part No. 29230380, Revision 1, Existing Due Date 25.06.2025, Revised Due Date 10.07.2025. **Bid No. E-16/2025-2026 Date: 25.06.2025. Corrigendum- 14.** Bid No. E-14, 03251007, Tender (due to open on 25.06.2025) has been Postponed and due to open on 10.07.2025. **Bid No. E-16/2025-2026 Date: 26.06.2025. Corrigendum Notice-15.** Tender No. 09251298, Bid Inv. No. E-10, Existing Due Date 25.06.2025, Revised Due Date 02.07.2025. **No. GT. NOTICE/Corrigendum/IREPS/E-16/2025-2026 Date: 27.06.2025. Corrigendum- 16.** Bid No. E-06, Tender No.: 10241775 Carrier Piston Pin, Revision 01, Details of Corrigendum : (1) This Tender opening date on 09.07.2025. Instead of 24.06.2025. All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders. **Note:** The details of above tenders is available on **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in.**

PR/BLW/S-17 **PCMM.**

/blwvaranasi website: www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
M 166 / 2025-26	CE / MM	Supply of ACSR RACCOON Conductor 7000 KMs

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites: **www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/3303/Tender/2025

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
AUCTION PROGRAMME
NOTICE NO:8/2025

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl.No	e-Auction conducted by	Date of auction for the month of for August 25			Material for auction
1	GSD/PER	11/08/25	20/08/25	28/08/25	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in **www.ireps.gov.in** Website
2	CSSD/GOC	12/08/25	21/08/25	29/08/25	
3	SSD/PTJ	04/08/25	13/08/25	22/08/25	
4	MAS Division	05/08/25	18/08/25	28/08/25	
5	SA Division	04/08/25	13/08/25	22/08/25	
6	TVC Division	06/08/25	14/08/25	25/08/25	
7	PGT Division	07/08/25	18/08/25	26/08/25	
8	TPJ Division	06/08/25	14/08/25	25/08/25	
9	MDU Division	05/08/25	18/08/25	28/08/25	

Total no. of auction for August' 25-27nos

Note: Surplus Diesel locos in "as is where is condition" may be auctioned.

For detailed terms and conditions and downloading of catalogue please visit our web-site http://www.ireps.gov.in ->E-Auction->Sale->Live Auctions.

Principal Chief Materials Manager

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.
Phone: 23562229 / 23460051

Rule 13(4) Appendix IV
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest (SARFAESI) Act., 2002, and In exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.

The within - named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13 (4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the Said Rules of the below mentioned date.

The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** For the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**Sri. N Channanarasimaiah** **S/o Late Nanjappa** "Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Krupa" Shooting Bunglow, Opp Param Science and Cultural Centre, adjecent to HP Petrol Bunk, Channenahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-562130. **Guarantors:** **1. Smt. R Vimala** **W/o Sri. N Channanarasimaiah** "Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Krupa" Shooting Bunglow, Opp Param Science and Cultural Centre, adjecent to HP Petrol Bunk, Channenahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-562130. **2. Sri. N Chandrashekhar** **S/o Late Nanjappa** No.37, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross, Karekallu, Vrushabhavathi Nagara, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No. 42, PID No. 17-18-42, Situated at 14th Main Road, Vrushabhavathi Nagara, Kamakshipalya, BBMP Ward No. 17, Benagluru, **Measuring** East to West 41'-0" fts and North to South 30'-6" fts, having a total extent of 1254.6 square feets and **Bounded on the: East by**: Property of Mariguddamma, **West by**: Road, **North by**: Property of Shivamma, **South by**: Property No.42/1 of Ramachandra.	**05.04.2025**	**27.06.2025**	**A/c No. 579 & 619 Rs.56,71,798/- + With further interest & other charges from 04.04.2025**

Date: 29.06.2025
Place: Bengaluru.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru.

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001
Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	**Mr. Ganapatharao Gadre (Borrower)**	**Rs. 29,02,889.29 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Nine and Twenty Nine Paise Only) as on 28.02.2025** **(accumulated amount of Home Loan and AAN)**	**04.03.2025**	**27.06.2025**	**Schedule-A:** All that piece and parcel of the property being a residentially converted (vide Official Memorandum bearing No.BDS.ALN(S)SR(KT) 115/2003-04, dated 26.02.2004, issued bt yhe Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) land bearing Sy.No.79/1, New BBMP Katha No.79/1, measuring 78,231.5 sq.ft., situate at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru District, Kengeri, coming within the revenue and administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Kengeri Sub-Division, ward No.198, Hemmigepura, Bengaluru and bounded on the: East by : Land bearing Sy.No.79/2A, West by : Private Property, North by : Temple road and remaining extent of Sy.No.79/1 belongs to the Vendor. South by : Land bearing Sy No.73, belongs to Sri. Manjunath and Sri. Dasappa. **Schedule -B: 310 sq.ft.,** of undivided share, right, title, claim and interest in the schedule 'A' property. **Schedule - C:** Apartment bearing **No.026 on the Ground Floor, measuring 965 sq.ft.,** of super built up area in the multi –storied residential apartment building known as **"VAASTU GREENS"** constructed over the Schedule 'A' property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such apartment owner equally, including common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with **one covered Car Parking** area in the basement floors. The construction is of RCC roof, vitrified tiles, aluminium/ steel windows and jungle wood doors.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.
However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.
The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.
Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.
Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 29.06.2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

Canara Bank
A Government of India Undertaking

ARM Branch - II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No. 86, MG Road, Bangalore - 560001
Ph No. 25310099, 080-25310181, E-mail - cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch II, Bangalore will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities	Details and full description of the property	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	Incremental Value at Bid
1) Mr. Surendranath Reddy, S/o M Sathya Narayana Reddy, No.5,1st Cross, Srinivsa Colony, Mission Road, Bengaluru 560027 **Mr. Surendranath Reddy,** 785D BDA FLAT, Austin Town, Bengaluru 560047 **2) Mrs. Sreedevi M,** W/o M Surendranath Reddy 785D BDA FLAT, Austin Town Bengaluru 560047 **Mrs. Sreedevi M,** No.5,1st cross, Srinivsa Colony Mission Road, Bengaluru 560027	**Rs. 1,35,63,666.26/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Five lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Six hundred Sixty Six and Twenty six paise Only) as on 26.06.2025 plus further interest thereon along with expenses, other charges, etc.	All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing Flat No.G1,Ground Floor,Lilly block(Block F),Fortune Ikon Apartments with built up area of 2640Sqft including common areas together with UDS of 203 Sq yards out of 7188Sq yards bearing Sy no.160/1(new) located at Road No.10,Banjara Hills,Shaikpet village & Mandal,Hyderabad, flat **bounded by : North:** Open to Sky **South:** Open to Sky **East :** Open to Sky **West :** Corridor Owner Name : Mr.Surendranath Reddy & Mrs.Sreedevi M.	22.07.2025 ----- 01.00 p.m. to 03.00 p.m	**Reserve Price:** Rs 269.35/- Lakhs **EMD:** Rs. 26.94/- Lakhs on or before **21.07.2025**	Multiplies of Rs.1,00,000/- **Encumbrance(s):** Not Known to the Bank

Other terms and conditions
a. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://baanknet.com/ Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 21.07.2025, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email.
i.Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii.Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii.Bid Form.
The intending bidders should register their names at portal https://baanknet.com/ and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com
EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
f. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.1,00,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.
h. For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
l. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
For further details contact Chief Manager, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2- (9483544116/9464534482-080-25310181) e-mail id - cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance(BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

Special Instruction/Caution :

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.06.2025

Sd/-, Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/T&P/SEE-1/2025-26/2752-73 Date: 27.06.2025

BRIEF SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following Works against the following Enquiry Number on **Total/Partial Turnkey Basis.**

Sl.No.	Bid Enquiry No./Name of the Works
1	**KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2385** Construction of 220kV Outdoor GIS line Bay at existing 220/66/11kV **Chikkanagara** Sub-station and running of 220kV, 1000sqmm XLPE UG Cable (3 Runs) for a distance of **0.038kms** from 220kV Chikkanagara Sub-station in Sakleshpura Taluk, Hassan District along with construction of 220kV SC OH line using 220kV NBT DC/MC Towers for a distance of **2.123kms** from 220kV Chikkanagara substation to the proposed Railway traction Sub-station at Sakleshpura in Sakleshpura Taluk, Hassan District for arranging power supply to an extent of 40 MVA on 220kV basis in favour of DRM(TRD), SWR Mysuru Division, Mysuru.
2	**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2371** Establishing 2x20 MVA, 110/11kV Sub-station at **Induvalli** and Construction of 110kV LILO line from existing 110kV Shiralakoppa-Sanda SC line for a distance of **10.254kms** with Lynx conductor to proposed 110/11 kV Induvalli substation in Soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District.
3	**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2383** Establishing 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Sub-Station at **Balele** and Construction of **11.515km** of 66kV LILO line from existing 66kV Hanagodu-Ponnampete SC line in Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District.
4	**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2382** Establishing 2X20MVA, 66/11KV Sub-Station at **Karnakuppe** and construction of 66kV LILO line on 110KV DC Narrow Based Towers from existing 66kV Hangodu-Ponnampete SC Line to the proposed 66/11kV Karnakuppe Sub-station for a distance of **1.275kms** in Hunsur Taluk, Mysuru District.
5	**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2381** Establishing 2x20 MVA, 66/11KV Sub-Station at **Siddapura (Beeticadu)** and Construction 66kV DC line on DC towers from the existing 66/11kV Virajpete Sub-station to the proposed 66/11kV Siddapura Sub-station for a distance of **14.201kms** and Construction of 2 No. of 66kV Terminal Bays at 66/11kV Virajpete Sub-station in Virajpete Taluk, Kodagu District.
6	**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2384** **Combined Package of the following works:** **Work-A:** Establishing 1x20 MVA, 110/33 kV and 2x20 MVA, 110/11kV substation at **Nekkilady** and construction of 110kV LILO line using Lynx conductor from existing 110kV Puttur-Karaya line to the proposed 110/11kV substation at Nekkilady for a distance of **0.03km** in Puttur Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District. **Work-B:** Establishing 2x20MVA, 110/11kV Sub-station at **Kuthlur** and Construction of 110kV LILO line on DC Towers using Lynx Conductor from one circuit of existing 110kV Kemar-Guruvayanakere DC line (on MCMV towers) to proposed 110/11kV Sub-station at Kuthlur for a distance of **0.362kms** in Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District. **Work-C:** Providing alternate source to 66/11kV **Hulimangala** Substation by running of 66kV 1000Sqmm single circuit UG Cable from 66/11kV Hulimangala substation to 66/11kV Electronic City (Velankani) Sub-station for the distance of **4.145km** with associated 66kV Terminal Bay's at 66/11kV Hulimangala and Electronic City (Velankani) Sub-stations in Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
7	**KPTCL/2025-26/UC/WORK_INDENT2386** **Combined Package of the following works:** **Work-A:** Providing alternate/additional source to 66/11 kV **K&C Valley** substation from 220kV HSR substation and 66/11kV Golf link station from 220kV Koramangala substation by LILO of existing 66kV HSR-Koramangala 630 sqmm UG cable and to interconnect 66/11kV Golf link substation and 66/11kV K&C Valley substation by laying 10.2 Rkm, 66kV 630 sqmm UG cable in Bengaluru south Bengaluru Urban District. **Work-B:** Establishing 2X20MVA, 66/11KV Sub-Station at **K.Belthuru** and construction of **0.322 km** of 66kV LILO line from existing 66kV Kadakola-Sarguru-H.D.Kote SC line in Saraguru Taluk, Mysuru District. **Work-C:** Establishing 2X20MVA, 66/11KV Sub-Station at **Meluru (Alalakuppe)** and construction of **0.901km** of 66kV LILO line from existing 66kV Kaduvinakote-Saligrama SC Line in K.R Nagar Taluk, Mysuru District. **Work-D:** Establishing 2X20MVA, 66/11KV Sub-Station at **Basapura (Sagare)** and construction of **3.025km** of 66kV LILO line from existing 66kV Santhe Sarguru-B.Matakere SC line in Sarguru Taluk, Mysuru District.
8	**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2353** Combined Package of the following works: **Work-A:** Establishing **2x150MVA and 1x12.5MVA, 220/66/11kV Substation at Seeguru Limits (Kaggundi)** along with construction of following lines in Periyapatna Taluk, Mysuru District. i. Construction of 220kV Double Circuit LILO line on MC towers with Drake conductor from the existing 220kV Bastipura-Kushalanagara DC line to the proposed 220/66/11KV Seeguru Limits (Kaggundi) Sub-station for a distance of **3.553kms.** ii. Construction of 66kV Double Circuit LILO Line on MC Towers with Coyote Conductor from the existing 66kV Kushalanagara - Mysuru 1 and 2 DC Line to the Proposed 220/66/11kV Seeguru Limits (Kaggundi) Sub-station for a distance of **19.446Kms.** iii. Construction of 66kV Double Circuit LILO Line on MC Towers with Coyote Conductor from the existing 66kV Kushalanagara - Periyapatna 1 and 2 DC Line to the Proposed 220/66/11kV Seeguru Limits (Kaggundi) Sub-station for a distance of **3.463Kms.** **Work-B:** Establishing 2X20 MVA, 66/11kV Sub-Station at **Chikkanerale (Doddanerale)** along with construction of 66kV LILO line on 110kV DC Towers from existing 66kV Kushalanagara-Chunchanakatte-KR Nagara line on DC towers to the Proposed 66/11kV Sub-station at Chikkanerale (Doddanerale) for a distance of **0.335kms** in Periyapatna Taluk, Mysuru District. **Work-C:** Establishing 2x20MVA, 66/11KV Sub-station at **Panchavalli(Chowkuru)** along with Construction of 66kV LILO line on 110kV towers using Coyote conductor from existing 66kV Periyapatna-Hanugodu SC line to the proposed 66/11kV Panchavalli (Chowkuru) Sub-station for a distance of **2.01 kms** in Periyapatna Taluk, Mysuru District.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **02.07.2025 at 15:00 hrs** Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **17.07.2025 at 15:00hrs** for the works mentioned at Sl.No. (1) to (5), Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **23.07.2025 at 15:00hrs** for the works mentioned at Sl.No. (6) to (8). **Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electy., Tendering & Procurement,**
KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, III Floor, Bengaluru - 560 009. Tel: 080-22274744.

DOCUMENT LOST

The Chief Manager, Canara Bank Indira Nagar Branch, 628/1, 1st Stage Indiranagar Bengaluru Karnataka-560038, have Lost the Document/ Article: **EMT Documents for Loan account number 0430651000110** (Savio Christopher & Annie Christopher) & **0430651000073** (Diano Christopher & Annie Christopher) for Site No.18 Khatha No.1118 & Site No.19, Khatha No.230 Narayanapura Village, **Document No./ Identification: Plot 18 & AMP:19.** The document holds immense significance as proof of ownership. The document is been missing at **Canara Bank, Indira Nagar Branch** from **15.11.2024, 10:00 AM** and inspite of best efforts to search, it could not be traced. If found contact: **9443604726/ 9877327977** or Please inform nearby police station. Reference E-Lost Report No. **1666209/2025,** Date: **23.06.2025.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. DEVANANDA.V,** S/o. Mr. Venkatesh Mahalingam, Residing at No.7, Cholanagar, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560 032, intends to purchase the schedule property from **Mr. SREERAMA.T,** S/o. Mr. Thayappa, Residing at No. 300, Pearl Velley Club, Anekal Town, Thali Road, Anekal, Bangalore-562106. Those who are having any title, right, claim or interest in the Schedule property may contact me with their legitimate claims if any within 7 days, failing which my client will purchase the Schedule property, as the same is free from all claims/encumbrance and no claim shall be entertained later.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing Old Survey No.331, Situated at Anekal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 0.04.00.00 Guntas, **AND** Agricultural Land bearing Old Survey No.334, Situated at Anekal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 0.20.00.00 Guntas excluding 0.04.00.00 Guntas Karab Land **AND** Agricultural Land bearing Old Survey No.335, Situated at Anekal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 0.05.00.00 Guntas.

K. AJAYAKUMAR, Advocate,
M/s AJAY & ASSOCIATES,
18, 1st floor, Thimmaiah Garden,
Devegowda Road, R .T. Nagar Post,
Bangalore-560 032. Ph.(O) 080-49900563
& 080-48506640, Mob.9880140512.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client intends **SRI.MANU.S.P.,** S/o. Shadaksharappa S and **Smt. SRIHEMA N.,** W/o. Manu S.P. intends to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY from its owner **SRI.RAMESH KANNAN,** S/o. KANNAN. And have entered an **Agreement of Sale** having acquired the same by way of **SALE DEED** dated 25.09.2024 from **Sri.R.Manjunath and others.**

If anyone having Claim right over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing **Site No.22,** carved out of Converted Land in Survey No.4/2, [Old Survey No.4], converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential use as per Official Memorandum No.ALN[KRPH-2]SR/62/2019-20, dated 18.01.2020, under Application Serial No.49228, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore, situated at Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.26-Ramurthynagar, Bangalore, having issued E katha in **Form B rule 11** in reference No:2206321 by retaining its PID No: **2065651292,** measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 29 Feet 3 Inches, in all measuring 1170 Square Feet. Along with a constructed dwelling with ground plus two floors with necessary water/swearage and electric connections. And being bounded on

East by : Site No.23
West by : Site No.21
North by : Private Property
South by : 25 Feet wide Road

Sri. B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No.334, 09th Main, 14th Cross,
Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Mob:98450 22593

PUBLIC NOTICE

This to notify the general public that our client/s has/have negotiated to purchase property more fully described in **the Schedule Property** as here under written, from its LAWFUL OWNERS **i.e. Sri. SYED ASAD PEERAN** S/o. Late Sri. Syd Shah Peeran, **Smt. SUMIYA TABASSUM** W/o. Sri. Syed Asad Peeran, **Sri. SYED SADATH PEERAN** S/o. Sri. Syed Asad Peeran and **Sri. SYED SIBGATH PEERAN** S/o. Sri. Syed Asad Peeran. They have represented to be the owners in absolute possession, enjoyment and ownership of the Schedule Property having purchased the same vide sale deed dated 09-12-2019, registered as document No.HLS-1-05456/2019-20 from **Sri. ASHWATH RAM. R. N alias ASHWATH RAM RAMA RAO NARASIMHA MURTHY** S/o. Sri. R. Narasimha Murthy.

Any person/s or minors, institution/s, authorities, claiming any right, title and interest or having any objection in our client proceeding to finalize, the sale transaction, may do so by lodging his/her/its/their claim/objection in writing supported with documents **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that nobody has got any claims over the schedule property and our client shall proceed to finalize the transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being Vacant **Site bearing No.455** presently bearing **BDA PID No.6000022420,** Situated **15th Block-Arkavathi Layout,** Bangalore duly formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in SY.No.17/10C of Thanisandra Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West **18 Mtrs** and North to South **12 Mtrs** in all measuring about **216 Sq. Mtrs** and being bounded as follows:

East by : Site Nos.453 and 454
West by : Road;
North by : Site No.456; and
South by : Site No.455/A.

GLS LAW PARTNERS
Advocates & Solicitors
Address: No.5C-338, 2nd Floor, 3rd A Main Road, 5th Cross Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560043
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Fifteen months after a man went missing from Kozhikode, police said they have recovered his decomposed body from a forest area near the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border. He was reportedly murdered over a financial dispute

Project fulfills desire of K'taka people, says MP

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WITH nearly 13–15% of deaths in India caused by road traffic accidents and up to 30% of accident victims suffering from polytrauma, the need for such a facility has long been considered urgent.

Cardiologist and Bengaluru Rural MP Dr CN Manjunath, who had written repeatedly to the Centre over the past year, said, "This project fulfills a long-standing desire of the people of Karnataka. The Polytrauma Centre at NIMHANS' Northern Campus will ensure comprehensive emergency care under one roof and reduce deaths that happen during transit due to a lack of treatment."

Dr Manjunath mentioned that many trauma patients, particularly from poor backgrounds, are unable to access affordable care and face delays due to the lack of specialised trauma facilities. "This will be only the second such Polytrauma Centre in India," he said.

He said that although the Karnataka had allotted the land over a decade ago and the Governing Body of NIMHANS had cleared the proposal with multiple revisions, the project had remained stuck for 11 years. His repeated representations, including a letter to Union Health Minister JP Nadda along with the Detailed Project Report, are now bearing fruit with the central government's nod, he said.

KERALA FIRM ON ZUMBA CLASSES IN ITS SCHOOLS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kozhikode

EXPRESSING the Kerala state government's resolve not to be cowed down by opposition from various Muslim organisations against the introduction of zumba sessions in schools, General Education Minister V Sivankutty said dragging the initiative to a controversy will only help the growth of communalism and sectarianism.

The minister said the exercise was introduced to combat drug menace among the youth. The stand of those opposing it will spread poison in society that is more dangerous than drugs, he said. Reacting to the criticism that immodest dresses are made mandatory for zumba in schools, Sivankutty said students practise it in school uniforms. "It is mandatory for students to participate in the study exercises that are stipulated under the Right to Education Act. Parents have no choice in that and teachers are duty-bound to follow those," he said.

There were veiled comments from some corners that the government may make a climbdown on the issue in the face of objections raised by some Muslim organisations as it happened in the case of PSC appointments in the Waqf Board and in the issue of gender-neutral uniform. The Kanthapuram factions of the Sunnis have also come up against the government's decision. But CPM leaders have intensified their attacks against the organisations. DYFI state secretary V K Sanoj extended all support to the government to go ahead with the decision. He said there are reasons to believe that the controversy is part of an attempt to denigrate the public education system in Kerala. Sivankutty said in the press conference that the progressive forces in the country had upheld the high democratic values during the controversy over hijab.

"But some organisations are now adopting a policy that is beneficial for the majority communalism," he said.

PILGRIM POWER

People pull the chariot of Lord Jagannath during the annual 'Rath Yatra' festival, in Puri, Odisha, Saturday | PTI

FACT-FINDING REPORT RELEASED ON MANGALURU MOB LYNCHING

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A fact-finding report on the mob-lynching of Mohammed Ashraf at Kudupu, Mangaluru, titled 'Lost Fraternity: A mob lynching in broad daylight, A betrayal of the promise of the Constitution' was released.

It was done by People's Union for Civil Liberties, Karnataka, All India Lawyers Association for Justice, Karnataka, and Association for Protection of Civil Rights, Karnataka.

Mavalli Shankar, State Convenor, DSS (Ambedkarvada) pointed to the larger failure on part of the state administration in ensuring impartial investigations into incidents in the oppressed communities. He also added that in such cases, it is important that officials and elected representatives make a visit, at least to the family, to inspire public trust in the rule of law which has not happened in the case of Ashraf and killing of a Dalit. Advocate Vinay Sreenivasa said how bails have been granted to the accused on technical grounds which are indicative of the laxity displayed by the police.

He also called on the state administration to organise a meeting with various civil society groups on how best to uphold law and order. He expressed his concerns over the governments' action of bringing new laws to counter hate and fake news.

Breakthrough: IIA uses dish TV antenna to study Sun

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

IT is possible to measure the Sun's magnetic field using commercial dish TV antennas. In a major breakthrough to study the Sun, the radio astronomy group at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru has proved that low-cost dish antennas that are used for TV networks can be used to observe the Sun and its magnetic field.

"The scientific and technical personnel at IIA, associated with the Gauribidanur radio astronomy field station near Bengaluru, are successfully operating a unique and large world-class radio antenna array for regular observations of the solar corona and magnetic field. The observations are carried out every day unlike the optical observations, where the solar corona can be observed from the ground only during a total solar eclipse. The radio observations are not affected by the clouds," said Prof R Ramesh, senior professor at IIA.

He is in charge of the institute's radio astronomy field station at Gauribidanur and is the principal investigator for the VELC instrument on board Aditya-L1, India's maiden space mission for dedicated observations of the Sun.

"The solar corona overlying the Sun's photosphere as well as present beyond its limb can be observed with a radio telescope. These are unique advantages of radio observations. The antennas used in the array are designed and fabricated in the Gauribidanur observatory workshop. The analog and digital receiver systems are also developed in-house using off-the-shelf components," he added.

While the measurement of the Sun's magnetic field at its visible surface (the photosphere) is routinely carried out with both ground and space-based observational facilities, regular measurements of the extension of the same magnetic field to the outer layers in the Sun's atmosphere like the chromosphere and corona are not there. "It is important to establish the connection between the magnetic field on the surface of the Sun and its outer atmosphere to understand and possibly predict eruptive mass ejections from the corona, called the Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)," said Ramesh.

CMEs are the most powerful explosions happening in our solar system, and are caused primarily by magnetic field instabilities. "It is necessary to estimate the Sun's magnetic field on its surface, chromosphere and corona. When a CME blows past the Earth, it can damage the electronics in the satellites in near-Earth space, and disrupt radio communication networks on Earth. These are called space weather disturbances," he added.

Over the last couple of years, the IIA Gauribidanur team has been working to establish a similar facility for measuring the magnetic field in the solar chromosphere also, to bridge the gap between the measurements in the photosphere and corona.

Their efforts show that it is possible to measure the magnetic field in the solar chromosphere (the region between the Sun's photosphere and corona) using simple and cost-effective commercial dish TV antennas that are in most households. "The antennas operate at a frequency of 11.2 GHz, which is in the radio astronomy band of the electromagnetic spectrum. This novel and unique effort paved the way for regular measurement of the Sun's magnetic field from its surface to the outer layers of its atmosphere with ground-based observational facilities.

The IIA team has used radio telescopes in Gauribidanur to simultaneously measure the Sun's magnetic field in both the chromosphere and corona. The antenna and receiver system are modular, and can be augmented to achieve more sensitivity and higher angular resolution," he said.

TN steps up mangrove restoration in Muthupet, adds over 2,000 ha

S V Krishna Chaitanya @ Chennai: In a campaigned aimed at fortifying Tamil Nadu's largest mangrove forest region, the state forest department has restored and planted mangroves across 2,057 hectares in the Muthupet region spread across Tiruvarur and Thanjavur districts in Tamil Nadu between 2022 and 2025. The Muthupet wetland complex comprising 12,020 hectares is situated at the confluence of Koraiyar and Pamaniyar rivers. It supports the largest stretch of Avicennia marina (grey or white mangroves), the species that accounts for 95% of the mangrove cover in the state. Other species like Aegiceras corniculatum (black mangroves) and Rhizophora mucronata (red mangroves) have also been reintroduced to enhance biodiversity. According to official records accessed by TNIE, 1,350 hectares have been brought under new plantation and another 707 hectares have undergone restoration through desilting and canal repair. At 1,482 hectares, bulk of the intervention happened in Thanjavur, while Thiruvarur accounted for 575 hectares. Thiruvarur DFO LCS Srikanth said the plantations have used both the "fishbone design" and "box design" canal models to enhance tidal water circulation that's critical for natural seed dispersal and mangrove growth. "Over 1.2 million propagules and saplings were planted, supported by a canal network exceeding 380km in length," he said. Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department, told TNIE that restoration efforts have integrated local knowledge through Village Mangrove Councils (VMCs) in six villages, including Veerankoil and Thondiyakadu. These councils, based on joint forest management principles, ensure community involvement in canal maintenance and seed propagation. **ENS**

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE IV ADDITIONAL JUDGE, COURT OF SMALL CAUSES AND ACJM AT BENGALURU

MVC. No. 8469/2023 (SCCH-06)

BETWEEN: Sheha Karthik M Reddy ...PETITIONER

AND: Abhishek .S and others ... **RESPONDENT**

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT No.1

Abhishek S, S/o Hari Krishnan PC, No.30, Sir M.V Nagar, TSP Road, Kalasipalya, 19th Cross, Bangalore-560002.

Whereas the above Petitioner has filed the above claim case seeking compensation of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rs. Ten lakhs only) for the injuries sustained and towards all the losses incurred there by the petitioner. In a Road traffic accident that occurred on dated 21.06.2023 at about 9.35PM caused by your white colour passenger vehicle of TATA Motors, battery run vehicle, electric vehicle bearing Registration No. KA-03-AK-8270, near Bharath Petrol Bunk, Opposite Police Quarters, Mysore Road, Chamrajpete, Bangalore- 560018. The Respondent No.1 above -named is hereby directed and summoned to appear before this Hon'ble (SCCH-06) court dated on **04-08-2025** at 11:00 AM., either personally or through an advocate failing which the matter will be decided ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 28-06-2025 at Bengaluru.

By order of the court, Assistant Registrar, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **SACHIN .C**
T-5, 3rd Floor, Krishna Towers, No.21/22, 3rd Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru-560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client **Sri.N.Dwarakish** S/o. Late G.Narayanswamy Naidu, is intending to develop the below mentioned schedule property under Joint Development Agreement with its owners **Smt.B.V.Swetha** W/o.Sri.B.K.Vijaykumar, **Sri.Dr.Ambarish.C** S/o.Sri.Chandrappa and **Sri.Vivekananda.M** S/o Sri. Marilingegowda.

Hence any person/s, company, Financial Institution, Firm etc, having any claim or objection for the proposed development or for entering Joint Development Agreement or having any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property may contact or should lodge such claim and objection in writing with supporting documents within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication, failing which it will be presumed that there are no valid claims charges and encumbrance whatsoever over the Schedule Property and my clients would proceed to complete the registration of Joint Development Agreement, any claim received/ Lodged thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing 1. **Sy. No.146, measuring 5 Acre 06 Guntas, and 1 acre 15 Guntas of Karab** and bounded on East : Property bearing Sy.No.148, West : Property bearing Sy.No.156,North : Property bearing Sy.No.147, South : Property bearing Sy.No.58, **2. Sy. No.147, measuring 6 Acre 24 Guntas and 1 Acre 02 Guntas of Karab Land**, and bounded on East : Property bearing Sy.No.148 and 149, West : Property bearing Sy.No.156, North : Property bearing Sy.No.150, South : Property bearing Sy.No.146, **3. Sy. No.58, measuring 3 Acre 21 Guntas And 0.02 Guntas of karab Land**, all Situated at **Yelachawadi Village**, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Bangalore, and bounded on East : Property bearing Sy. No.59, West : Property bearing Sy. No.145, North : Property bearing Sy. No.146, South : Property bearing Sy. No.138,.

A.M.Gajendra, Advocate,
No.2, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Srinivasanagar, Kathriguppe Main Road,
Bangalore- 560085. Ph. No. - 9845562465
Bangalore Dated: 27.06.2025

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. and Due Date	Description	Quantity (Nos./Sets/ Cum/MTR)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	12241440B 18/07/2025	INTER-COACH GANGWAY WITHOUT FLEXIBLE INTERIOR SYSTEM FURNISHING (INCLUDING VESTIBULE FOOT PLATE) FOR LHB COACHES.	275 Set	20,00,000/-
2.	13245232B 01/08/2025	Cylindrical Axle Grinding Machine	01 Nos	16,24,000/-
3.	17251334 22/07/2025	Channel Fixing Arrgt. (LH) & (RH) for Doorway Ceiling for LHB Coaches	3576 Set	5,17,800/-
4.	01251265 23/07/2025	Anti Roll Bar	5657 Nos	7,59,240/-
5.	07251242 22/07/2025	STAINLESS STEEL TUBES AND DOUBLE FERRULE FITTINGS FOR LHB AC 3 TIER COACHES	225 Set	9,94,830/-
6.	02251312 04/08/2025	CAPACITOR BANK (03 Types)	737 Nos	3,02,300/-
7.	01251248 24/07/2025	BOGIE BOLSTER WITH IN BUILT RESERVOIR FOR MEMU	517 Nos	7,52,810/-
8.	02251259 04/08/2025	CAB AIR CONDITIONING UNIT (2.0 TR)	37 Nos	2,22,660/-
9.	02251300 28/07/2025	LED LIGHT FITTING (18W) TWO TYPES FOR AMRIT BHARAT	3036 Nos	71,580/-
10.	02251302 04/08/2025	LIGHT FITTING FOR AMRIT BHARAT RAKE	1472 Sets	51,940/-
		LED LIGHT FITTING FOR AMRIT BHARAT RAKE	368 Nos	
11.	02251234 24/07/2025	TEN TYPES OF THIN WALLED FLEX ELAST CABLES IN 25 SQMM	203800 MTR	15,31,580/-
12.	02251244 04/08/2025	SEVEN TYPES OF MULTI-CORE CABLES	204900 MTR	15,16,350/-
13.	05251418 30/07/2025	Mounting Arrangement	254 Nos	4,42,250/-
14.	02251320 28/07/2025	SUPPLY OF INTER VEHICLE COUPLER FOR 3-PHASE ON-BOARD MEMU	9 Sets	1,51,870/-
15.	01251277 22/07/2025	BOGIE BOLSTER OF LHB COACHES	80 Nos	1,69,350/-
16.	01251273 22/07/2025	BOGIE FRAME OF LHB COACHES	80 Nos	5,58,850/-
17.	05251045A 22/07/2025	Set of End Part	25 Set	2,62,170/-
18.	05251435 25/07/2025	Set of Frame	91 Set	83,760/-
19.	05251437 25/07/2025	Set of Door Cut Out	79 Set	52,020/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit **Website http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class III-b digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in., 2.**Tenders will close at **14.25 HRS.** on due date and Tender will be opened at **14.30 HRS** for **Sr. No. 1 and 3 at RCF Kapurthala (Punjab) and for Sr. No. 4 & 19 at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002, 3.** For querries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at **011-24102855,011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.**

PCMM

CORRIGENDUM

1). Tender No.: 17251201, **Description:** SET OF ALUMINIUM POWDER COATED ROOF PANELS FOR LWSCZ COACHES., Due Date to be read as **"30/07/2025"** instead of **"27/06/2025", 2). Tender No.:** 12251044, **Description:** FOLDABLE BOTTLE HOLDER FOR LHB SCN AMRIT BHARAT COACHES., Due Date to be read as **"15/07/2025"** instead of **"26/06/2025", 3). Tender No.:** 14251082, Due Date to be read as **"07/07/2025"** instead of **"26/06/2025", 4). Tender No.:** 14251059, **Description:** ITEM DESCRIPTION IS REVISED., Due Date to be read as **"08/07/2025"** instead of **"27/06/2025"**

PCMM

No. 39-S/2025-26 **Date: 28.06.2025**

ABDUL NAZIR SAB STATE INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATH RAJ
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No. SIRDPR-ADMOEST2//08/2024-25 Date : 27.06.2025

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from Eligible candidates for 1. Core Faculty Rural Development 2. Core Faculty Planning & Research (Total 02) posts at Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (ANSSIRD&PR), Mysuru, on Contract basis, **Last date for receipt of applications through Speed post/Registered post is 25th July 2025, Applications received after the last date of receipt will not be considered.** For detailed notification and application form visit the institute website: **www.sirdmysuru.karnataka.gov.in**

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S. No.	Branch	Locker No	Customer Name	Locker rent arrears
1	BANGALORE CITY	62	DILIP M PAREKH .	12500

Place: Bangalore City
Date : 29.06.2025

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SHORT ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENGAGEMENT OF JUNIOR TECHNICIANS UNDER FIXED TENURE CONTRACT

(Advertisement No.HVF/RG/FTB/RECT/JTC/2025/03)

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Place: Chennai

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS, DEPARTMENT
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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only)
(Two Cover System: Section-1-Technical Bid and Section-2-Financial Bid)

Short Term Tender Notification No 07/2025-26 Dated:27.06.2025 (Call-3)

Item rate tenders are invited through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only on behalf of Governer of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document KW-4 form The Total no of works is 1, **H/A :- 5054-04-337-0-01-154 (Plan) MDR Improvements Works** maximum estimated cost is Rs, 500.00 lakhs, Further changes in this Notification will be Published in Kppp.karnataka.gov.in Only. Date of events as follows:

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No one can stop these new generations coming up. That's why Iran has to open up: it's like a pot full of hot water and steam

Golshifteh Farahani

MARKETS WRESTLE METHOD & MADNESS OF TRUMPONOMICS

OPTIMISM held sway till headlines spooked the bulls. Global indices flirted with or shot past 52-week highs as the news flow propped bullish sentiments. The US benchmark S&P500 touched a new high of 6,187, tech tracker Nasdaq shot past 20,311, Japanese Nikkei 225 hovered at 40,267, Korean Kospi touched 3,093, and India's Nifty50 surged past 25,650 towards its all-time high, while in London the FTSE100 nudged 8,798.

Donald J Trump was talking up trade deals. A deal with China signalled business as usual for markets even though little is known beyond access to rare earth minerals and magnets discussed at the London *détente*. A deal with India—"a big one which would open up India," in Trump's words—was on the anvil, Vietnam was moving ahead and the European Union was edging closer to a deal, prompting the US to scrap the "revenge tax".

The whiplash of headlines followed soon enough. Just as punters settled for siesta, DJT declared, "We are hereby terminating ALL discussions on trade with Canada, effective immediately." The reason: Canada's move to implement a digital services tax of 3 percent. Predictably, the Canadian S&P TSX slid, as did S&P500 and Nasdaq before recovering at close. Tremors and shocks are a constant cause of volatility since Trump took office. Traders who coined the term TACO (Trump always chickens out) believe Trump's love for a buoyant stock market will save the day.

You could say the bets are on the madness and the method of Trumponomics. There is a conviction that Trump will wield executive power to protect his image. Soon after the attack on nuclear sites in Iran, as crude oil prices spiralled to $80 per barrel, Trump warned derivative players with capital letters and exclamation marks: "Everyone, keep oil prices down, I'm watching! Don't do it!" At the Nato summit, when Spain dissented on raising defence spending, Trump threatened higher tariffs. Trump has also repeatedly asserted (despite denials) that he used trade deals to force India and Pakistan to a ceasefire.

THE THIRD EYE

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The idea of Make America Great Again rests on Trump's belief that the heft of the US economy and military must be leveraged to make allies pay for protection and an entry fee charged from others for the privilege of participating in the $29-trillion economy's markets. However, the MAGA dream is haunted by US debt and deficits. In 2024, it ran a trade deficit of $918 billion, federal deficit of $1.83 trillion, and a total debt of $36.2 trillion or 123 percent of the GDP. It is getting worse as the new 'Big Beautiful Bill', as per the non-profit Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, will add $3.5-4.2 trillion of debt by 2034.

There is a method to the madness of Trumponomics. As a solution, Trump has invested in an assembly of disparate ideas—stranded between claims and counter claims—to lift the US economy out. DJT believes tariffs will achieve multiple objectives—it is already garnering revenue of around $30 billion a month, and will bring down trade deficits and force onshoring of output. The foundation rests on cutting taxes and regulation to spur investment, some of which is manifest in the White House's 'running list' of investment declarations by Softbank, OpenAI, Meta, Apple, Nvidia, Micron and others. Trump's trip to the West Asia was geared for geo-economics. He has claimed this has brought over $2 trillion in investments.

Last year, the US spent $881 billion on interest costs; this year, it is expected to spend $3 billion a day on it. The DOGE experiment is yet to pay out and welfare costs are mounting. Trump has introduced a taxe on remittances and his $5-million Trump Card visa scheme already has over 75,000 applicants. The targeting of Fed chair Jerome Powell on interest rates is aimed at lowering borrowing costs. Foreigners own $9 trillion of US debt and the depreciation of the dollar—reflected in the DXY index's 10 percent slide since January—could be dubbed as stealth management of debt.

His interventions in geopolitics—whether on Ukraine or Congo-Rwanda—are laced with the goal of extracting minerals rights and making commercial gains. This week, Nato members agreed to hike defence spending from 2 percent to 5 percent of their national GDPs. Trump was triumphant at the promise. In 2024, the US exported arms worth $314 billion, which is expected to rise to $447 billion by 2033. Europe accounts for 35 percent of US arms sales and higher defence spends would filter into American arms companies; the UK, for one, is buying a dozen F35A jets. Unsurprisingly, the valuations of arms companies have shot up.

Cardinal Jules Mazarin, a French statesman, said the question to ask of a general is not is he skilful, but is he lucky. Trump is his own lucky general. His 2024 victory gave him the trifecta of power—majorities in the Senate, the House and the Supreme Court. For a lethal combo, add his uncanny knack to occupy attention. Whether it is attacking Iran or cracking down on law firms, universities and illegal immigration, Trump backs himself. He has threatened to railroad dissenters at party primaries to deliver his campaign promise via the Big Beautiful Bill.

A maximalist approach is in play—the art of the deal is accompanied by the art of the delay. It is an indisputably risky gambit with long-term implications for sovereign balance sheets and the rule-based world order. The markets—at times mocking, and at others wrestling with the method and the madness of Trumponomics—can at best keep singing 'Kumbaya'.

NEED A REGULATOR FOR FLYING COFFINS

POWER & POLITICS

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WELCOME aboard India's booming aviation sector. Please fasten your seatbelts, stow your illusions, and brace for impact. Indians are flying blind. On June 12, 230 passengers boarded Air India Flight 171 in Ahmedabad. Thirty seconds after takeoff, the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plunged into a medical college hostel. It wasn't just a crash—it was a massacre, and one that could have been prevented. And like so many others in India's increasingly dystopian aviation landscape, it exposed not just the condition of the aircraft but the rot at the very heart of our aviation ecosystem.

In any functioning democracy, such a tragedy would be a moment of reckoning. But not in India. Instead, distraught relatives ran from morgue to morgue, clutching photographs of burnt bodies and unanswered questions. For days, there were no officials with answers. There was no crisis response team. Hardly a responsive centralised helpline, which should have been mandatory.

The main crisis that allows airlines to get away with murder is that there is no regulator fixing accountability. Sympathy without empathy is a sign of apathy. Add indifference at the helm, and the picture is complete: four senior executives threw an official party days after the crash. Thankfully, they were sacked. And the conscience cancelled perceived callousness, with the Tatas setting up a foundation with a huge ₹500-crore corpus to look after the interests of the victims.

Let's drop the polite fiction. This wasn't a tragedy. This was premeditated negligence dressed up as routine incompetence. India's aviation sector isn't flying high—it's spiralling into a tailspin of regulatory cowardice, corporate greed, and political indifference. And the blood is everywhere: on the tarmac, in the air, and on the hands of those who allowed it.

India's duopoly airlines sector doesn't run airlines; in the public eye, it runs extortion rackets at 35,000 feet. Between them, the two main airline groups control 88.5 percent of the Indian skies. Fares have turned surreal: ₹8,500 for a 50-minute Delhi-Chandigarh hop, ₹10,200 for Chennai-Coimbatore. IndiGo flew 118 million passengers last year and walked away with ₹7,258 crore in profit. Air India plays coy with its books but flexes its power with a 470-aircraft mega order.

AFP

After Go First's death and SpiceJet's gasping 4 percent market share, there's no competition—just cartel capitalism. And the regulator? Oh wait, India doesn't have one. It has the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which is to civil aviation what a toothpick is to a knife fight.

India's so-called aviation watchdog is a bureaucratic zombie—underfunded, undermanned, and under political leash. With 53 percent vacancies and a 91 percent capital outlay cut, it operates more like a confused HR department than a regulator. When it finally emerged from its slumber last week, its June 24 inspection report read like a horror novel: unserviceable baggage trolleys, defect logs not filled, improperly secured life vests, maintenance protocols ignored, and repeated technical glitches shrugged off like indigestion. What did the DGCA do with this damning data? Issued a press release, patted itself on the back and curled back into hibernation.

India is one of the only major aviation markets without a statutory, independent regulator. Countries like the UK, Brazil, South Africa and neighbouring Nepal have bodies that don't report to ministries and have powers to ground aircraft, fine carriers, enforce passenger rights, and even jail executives. The US Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) has 45,000 employees and a $20-billion budget. India's DGCA can barely file accident reports on time.

Other nations reacted to aviation tragedies by reforming. After the 2008 SpanAir crash, the EU mandated safety management systems. After the 737 MAX disasters of 2018-19, the FAA grounded Boeing jets for 20 months and forced design changes. After engine issues in 2023, Australia's CASA cracked down on Qantas. Japan's JTSB responded to its 2025 Tokyo runway collision within days. In India, the DGCA waited two weeks after the Ahmedabad crash to investigate pilot fatigue and rostering issues. The only thing that moves quickly in Indian aviation is the fare meter. Without a regulator, airlines have been taking choice-starved passengers for a ride. But yes, we have a regulator for airport quality—because runway tiles seemingly matter more than human lives.

Meanwhile, in March 2025, as a Kolkata-Delhi IndiGo flight was diverted to Jaipur for "weather", one Priya Sharma missed her father's funeral. When a woman fainted mid-flight on a ₹7,500-a-pop Bengaluru-Hyderabad flight, the crew at first ignored her; her daughter wept: "She's my mother!" Last month, an IndiGo flight on a Guwahati-Chennai run sent out a May Day call for fuel. A Delhi-Srinagar aircraft was battered by hail. Ahmedabad saw 462 bird strikes in one year.

What India needs is not murmurs of sympathy; it needs a wrecking ball. It doesn't require lip service to reform. Neither a committee, nor a 700-page report. India needs to burn down the current system and start over. Create an independent Civil Aviation Regulatory Authority—fully statutory, ruthlessly empowered, immune from political interference. Let it be the judge, jury, and executioner for safety violations. Let it hire international experts. Give it a budget to match its bite. Make it feared. The powers of the regulator should be sweeping.

It is a priority to enforce fare transparency and consumer rights. Why aren't CEOs who falsify maintenance logs sent to jail instead of fattening their expense accounts to feast on foie gras and frappato? Be human and don't treat customers like cattle: slash prices during emergencies. Public audits of every crash, diversion, or emergency landing must be the rule. Force insurance payouts within weeks, not years. Ban toxic in-flight food and arrogant crew. Name and shame airlines with safety scores published monthly.

AirSewa should be a weapon, not a wish. The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission should be cleared for rapid trials. Every airline executive must live in fear of the next inspection. India's airlines have become flying casinos where the house always wins, and the passenger always loses. Every crash is blamed on "weather" or "technical error"—never the systemic rot that breeds these disasters. How long before a plane falls from the sky onto parliament? Would we care then? A real regulator should ensure that no mother is left to sob over a zipped black bag because someone decided to save on maintenance.

The system has circled its wagons to protect the culprits. India has reluctantly allowed an international investigator to join the crash probe, one that numerous air safety experts have lambasted for delays in analysing crucial black box data. A regulator should function like a sword, carving a future where no mother mourns, no husband breaks and no survivor begs. It's not a watchdog we need. We need a wolf in regulator's clothing.

TALKING LOCAL, THINKING NATIONAL

OPINION

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MANY years ago, during the early years of the IT boom, I spotted a signage in a Bengaluru medical shop that offered a 1 percent discount for those speaking Kannada. It struck me as a small nudge to learn the language of a city that had begun welcoming a large migrant population. Since then, the voices on either side of the linguistic divide have become more strident and uncompromising.

It is indisputable that job seekers who move across the country contribute to the economy of the state they move to. The cross-country migrant population comprises both unskilled and highly qualified workers. In this milieu, publicised language disputes often involve educated employees pitted against locals providing basic services. Incidents of violence and demands of job reservation for locals are the fallouts. It is also true that for the vocal few who refuse to learn a new language, there are several professionals, students and homemakers who acquire proficiency in the language of the region where they work and live. Ultimately, a willingness to use the local language makes it easier to do business.

More than ignorance of a local language, it is the recalcitrant attitude to bridging the linguistic gap that is galling. It's a sad commentary that prejudice and bias against people based on language and region thrive even among the educated classes. Languages sharing a common genealogy often suffer from bouts of sibling rivalry. While linguists theorise about the origin of languages based on historical evidence, unverifiable claims and counter-claims on superiority add to the political buzz. One of the objectives of the linguistic division of states was to promote and preserve the unique cultural identity of distinctive groups. However, this has also given rise to insularity and language vigilantism.

There are in fact effective solutions to overcome the barrier that language could create. Many employers provide language learning opportunities for those from outside the state. Basic conversational skills can smoothen social transactions and can be learnt in informal settings. Tech tools that offer on-the-fly translation services are available at the click of an icon. There was a newsclip showing a techie negotiating with an auto rickshaw driver using one such app. Digital platforms can enable language learning, supplementing the role played by cinema, television shows and songs. Learning a language involves exposure and an attitude of openness.

Until a few years ago, despite their immense computational prowess, computers could not string together a simple sentence. However, with the emergence of large language models (LLMs), machines have discovered coherence and an ability to communicate. AI's deep dive into language, the ultimate repository of human knowledge, has allowed it access to the collective resources of human thought. Multilingual AI that understands and processes different languages has found a wide range of applications from business transactions to research and translation. Language services already a massive industry and is expected to grow fast.

Top tech companies have realised machines need to learn languages to access human knowledge. Indians must accept that linguistic diversity helps in cross-pollination of ideas and enriches the social fabric

Languages evolve through interactions and innovation. We are now witness to new usages and modifications of English by Gen Alpha, which sounds like gibberish to the older generation. It is a reminder that the language we take pride in today can morph into something unrecognisable in the future. Every language has its heroic stories, its ballads and chants handed down over generations. This is probably one reason why language becomes an emotive issue.

The stories of linguistic conflict and discord find traction thanks to social media. However, there are several positive stories that do not reach the public domain. This is about people from outside the region who integrate themselves and contribute to the literary and cultural development of the place they have adopted as their home. India has seen iconic figures including writers, film personalities and political leaders who have contributed to the growth of culture in languages of which they are not native speakers.

Groups of people speaking different languages have coexisted peacefully for decades with majority groups in many regions of the country while retaining their distinctive identity. They stand testimony to the fact that in India, a language can flourish beyond regional boundaries. Indians are adept at using one language at home, another on the street and a third at the workplace.

The weaponisation of language only serves vested interests of a few misguided elements. Linguistic pluralism is an advantage India has over others. It is necessary to appreciate that, just as biodiversity is important for the health of an ecosystem, linguistic diversity helps in cross-pollination of ideas and enriches the social fabric. Seeking common ground and keeping the conversation flowing, while respecting intrinsic differences, is the way forward. To quote the Tamil poet of the Sangam era, Kaniyan Pungundranar, "To us all towns are one, all people our kin."

QUOTE CORNER

The other shoe has dropped on executive immunity... The court's decision is nothing less than an open invitation for the government to bypass the Constitution. The executive branch can now enforce policies that flout settled law and violate countless individuals' constitutional rights, and the federal courts will be hamstrung.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the US Supreme Court after it limited the power of federal courts to block policies nationwide, handing Donald Trump a win

When it comes to US-Iran policy there has been a significant lack of knowledge... there's limited information about the historical and political context.

Yassamin Ansari, congresswoman from Arizona with Iranian roots

Happy that a young Indian team got you worried like this.
Enjoy the win Michael, we'll be back.

Wasim Jaffer, former India cricketer, in a friendly war of words with former England player Michael Vaughan after India's loss in the Leeds Test

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Protect SMEs

Ref: *Dumping threat looms* (Jun 28). The editorial rightly captures the effect of a trade deal with the US to boost India's economic outlook. Yet, beyond tariffs and export baskets, we must also play our cards right by addressing non-tariff barriers, protecting small and medium enterprises from import shocks, and securing strategic concessions. Long-term stability demands market diversification.

Avinashiappan Myilsami, Coimbatore

Gaza approach

Ref: *Let's not forget Gaza* (Jun 28). The situation in Gaza remains dire. It is time for Western governments to reassess their approach—not just from a humanitarian standpoint, but also in light of shifting public opinion and setbacks for those uncritically supportive of Israeli actions. A more balanced stance may help save lives and restore credibility.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Limited scope

Ref: *When fighting terrorism is SCO goal, skipping it makes outcome meaningless* (Jun 28). India couldn't get the other participants to include the menace of cross-border terrorism in the SCO communiqué. But India too didn't support another member Iran at the UN on its recent war. China is an all-weather friend of Pakistan. So it's better for this group to confine itself to trade relations.

D V G Sankara Rao, Vizianagaram

Uphold professionalism

Ref: *Air India asks four senior employees to resign* (Jun 28). Air India SATS Airport Services' decision to seek the resignations of four senior executives reflects a commitment to upholding standards of professionalism and accountability. Prompted by concerns over workplace behaviour underscored by the tragic Ahmedabad crash, the move should enhance operational focus and precision. The group seems to have strengthened its resolve to rebuild public trust and ensure robust operations.

Ibraheem Bhadusha, Koottilangadi

Zumba zest

Ref: *More Muslim groups come out against Zumba sessions in Kerala schools* (Jun 28). The debate over introducing Zumba dance in schools as a fitness activity casts doubt on our state's claim of being progressive. The opposition to such a modern and healthy initiative reflects a mindset rooted in outdated thinking.

R Jayakrishnan, Elamakkara

Bihar's choice

Ref: *Tejaswi opposition's chief ministerial face* in Bihar (Jun 28). Tejaswi Yadav has a significant political presence in Bihar and is often projected as a chief ministerial candidate by the opposition alliance. Though he is not highly qualified educationally, he has served as the deputy chief minister twice. He seems committed to policy-driven politics and in addressing real concerns of the electorate. Ultimately, competence to be CM is a matter of public perception, political support and demonstrated ability to govern.

V K S Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Trivial pursuit

Ref: *We have Ram, Sita in film titles, why is Janaki a problem, HC asks CBFC* (Jun 28). The observations of the Kerala High Court are spot on. The censor board's objection to the name of a film is a case of much ado about nothing. While our nation takes pride in Indian women who have shattered glass ceilings, and rewritten history by overcoming obstacles through their sheer grit and determination, such weird objections by a statutory body demean the true values of womankind. It raises questions about the concept of Nari Shakti being advocated by the government.

Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Safer roads

Ref: *Chennai's pothole-ridden roads to get face-lift at ₹1.50 crore* (Jun 28). We are glad that the Greater Chennai Corporation has finally decided to repair potholes across the city. T M Maistry Street has been waiting for a makeover for 4 years. There are many speed-breakers too that need clear markings.

N Mahadevan, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
These people are now going from place to place dividing people in the name of caste... if you are divided, you will be cut down; if you are united, you will remain noble...

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
There are undoubtedly global uncertainties but in India demand growth is being held back because of stagnant wages, distorted GST structure, and sharpening of inequalities

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
In Ghazipur's Jangipur, poor families who have lived there for generations, are being uprooted without notice during monsoons... bulldozer has become a symbol of injustice

... sacrilege to spirit of sanatan, says V-P

Preamble is not alterable, so Emergency-era amendment to insert 'socialist', 'secular' a festering wound: Dhankhar

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

VICE President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday described the insertion of the words "socialist," and "secular" into the Constitution's Preamble during the Emergency as a nasoor (a festering wound) and a "sacrilege to the spirit of Sanatana."

His remarks came after the RSS general Dattatreya Hosabale on Thursday called for a review of the words 'socialist' and 'secular' in the Constitution's Preamble, saying they were inserted during the Emergency and were not part of constitution drafted by BR. Ambedkar-- comments that drew sharp criticism from the Congress.

"The Preamble of any constitution is its soul. The Preamble of the Indian Constitution is unique. Except Bharat, no other Constitution's Preamble has undergone change. The Preamble is not changeable. The Preamble is not alterable. The Preamble is the basis on which the constitution has grown," he said.

"The Preamble is the seed of the Constitution. It is the Soul of the constitution, but this Preamble for Bharat was changed by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976, adding the words Socialist and Secular."

"The Preamble is not changeable or alterable. It is the basis on which the Constitution has grown. The Preamble is the seed of the Constitution. It is the soul of the Constitution," Dhankhar said.

He was addressing an event at the Vice-President's Enclave to mark the release of the book Ambedkar's Messages compiled by D S Veeraiah.

Taking aim at the Congress, Dhankhar said the Preamble was altered at a time when "the best of our people were languishing in jails," and the public had been stripped of basic rights. "We change something which is not changeable, alterable—something that emanates from 'We the People'—and then, you change it during Emergency. When 'We the People' were bleeding—in heart, in soul—they were in darkness," the Vice President said.

Dhankhar underlined that no other country's Preamble has undergone such a change. "Except Bharat, no other Constitution's Preamble has undergone change," he said, accusing the Congress of disrespecting both the letter and spirit of the Constitution's framers.

Calling the amendments a betrayal of India's civilisational values, he said, "These words will create upheaval. The addition of these words in the Preamble during the Emergency signals a betrayal of the mindset of the framers of the Constitution. It is nothing but belittling the civilisational wealth and knowledge of this country for thousands of years. It is sacrilege to the spirit of Sanatana."

He quoted judicial observations stating that the Preamble is not merely a preface, but an essential part of the Constitution. "A very serious work which cannot be altered, has been casually, farcically, and with no sense of propriety, changed," he said.

Golwalkar said nothing of Manusmriti in Constitution, says Tharoor in Ahmedabad

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

CONGRESS MP Shashi Tharoor on Saturday stirred debate at an Ahmedabad event, recalling that RSS ideologue M S Golwalkar had once lamented the absence of Manusmriti in the Constitution. He was speaking at the discussion hosted by the Ahmedabad Management Association on "Diction, Diplomacy, and Discretion" on Saturday.

The Congress leader, currently at odds with his party over his praise for PM Narendra Modi, said that the RSS second Sarsanghchalak M S Golwalkar considered the Constitution flawed because it contained "nothing of the Manusmriti in it."

"At the time of the adoption of Constitution, Mr Golwalkar, among others, said that one of the great flaws of the Constitution is that there is nothing of the Manusmriti in it," he said. "But I think the RSS itself has moved on from those days. So as a historical statement, it's accurate. Whether it's a reflection of how they feel today, the RSS should be in the best position to answer that."

Manusmriti is a set of ancient legal texts outlining Hinduism's perspective on duties, rights, conduct, laws and virtues. Tharoor also spoke about his recent Russia visit that that focused on parliamentary outreach and diplomacy, involving public events, media interactions, and a reaffirmation of India's message to a long-standing ally.

"I was in Russia on a previously planned engagement. It gave me an opportunity to connect with my counterparts from both the Upper and Lower Houses — unlike India, where we have a joint committee, many countries have separate heads," he said.

SHUBHANSHU SHUKLA

OUR MAN IN SPACE... SHOWING THE WAY BEYOND THE SKIES

NIRAD MUDUR

ON setting a record of being the first Indian to enter the International Space Station (ISS) on June 26, 2025, 39-year-old Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, addressed the nation for the first time from space, exclaiming "What a ride!". In his message intended for 1.4 crore Indians, he said: "This journey of mine is not a beginning to the International Space Station, but to India's Human Space Programme. I want all of you to be part of this journey. Your chest should swell with pride... Together, let's initiate India's Human Space Programme."

If Gp Capt Shukla is the first Indian to enter the ISS, he is also the first Indian to be a space mission pilot, that of the DragonX spacecraft of Axiom-4 (Ax-4) Space Mission, in which Shukla (call sign 'Shux') is part of a four-member team. The other three members are mission commander Peggy Whitson, a former NASA astronaut and director of human spaceflight at Axiom Space and two mission specialists, European Space Agency (ESA) project astronaut Sławosz Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland and Tibor Kapu of Hungary.

Axiom-4 (Ax-4) Mission is a collaboration involving Axiom Space, the NASA, the ISRO, and the European Space Agency. The Ax-4 mission will also beremembered for enabling an Indian astronaut to return to space after 41 years, after the space mission of (then) Sqn Ldr Rakesh Sharma in April 1984.

When Shukla says the journey to the ISS is actually a beginning "to India's Human Space Programme", the larger picture is significant: besides the records set on the ongoing 14-day Axiom Space Mission aboard the ISS, Shukla is also one of the four Indian astronauts selected for the country's maiden manned space mission scheduled some time in 2027 – the Gaganyaan Mission. ISRO's Gaganyaan mission will involve heavy-lift launcher – Human-rated LVM3, or HLVM3 – launching an orbital module with three Indian astronauts in it to a low earth orbit of 400 km for three days, before returning to Earth by splashing down in the ocean and being retrieved by the Indian Navy or the Coast Guard ships.

The reason why Shukla's Ax-4 space mission experience aboard the ISS is crucial is because it exposes him to a longer duration of stay and conduct of experiments in space. Gaganyaan mission will be much shorter. The experience that Shukla will bring back to the table will be invaluable. It will include the experience of living in space for two weeks, during the lift-off effects on the body, and that of splashdown at the end of the mission. In addition will be the valuable data that he will have gathered through his seven experiments that he will be conducting in space over the 14-day mission onboard the ISS, which will be of crucial relevance for India's own manned space missions in the years ahead.

Also, as Shux will have already had the experience of a space mission following the Ax-4 mission, he may likely be among the three Indian astronauts to be on the maiden Gaganyaan mission. The other three Gaganyatris (as Gaganyaan astronauts are called) are Gp Capt Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair, Gp Capt Ajit Krishnan and Gp Capt Angad Prathap.

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Born on October 10, 1985, and a native of Lucknow, Shukla is the youngest of three siblings born to the now-retired government official Shambhu Dayal Shukla and homemaker Asha Shukla. As a 14-year-old, he was inspired by the 1999 Kargil War, which in turn influenced him to join the National Defence Academy at Khadakwasla, Pune, where he got his BSc in Computer Science in 2005. He later underwent training at the Indian Air Force Academy at Dundigal near Hyderabad.

He was commissioned as a Flying Officer in June 2006 in the fighter stream of the IAF, turning out to be an impressive air combat leader and later a seasoned test pilot with the experience of flying a slew of aircraft.

From Shukla, the fighter pilot of the IAF, where it is believed "sky is the limit", Shux, the astronaut, now believes "Sky is never the limit!" for Indians, and is the man who is showing the way beyond it.

1989-batch IPS officer, Pak expert Parag Jain R&AW chief, succeeds Ravi Sinha

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE government on Saturday issued an order appointing 1989-batch IPS officer of Punjab Cadre Parag Jain as the Secretary of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) for two years.

He will replace Ravi Sinha, a 1988-batch IPS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, as he will complete his tenure as the R&AW chief on June 30. Jain will take over from him on July 1.

In an order the Department of Personnel & Training said, "The appointments committee of cabinet has approved the appointment of Shri Parag jain (PB:89) to the post of Secretary, Research & Analysis Wing (R$AW) under the Cabinet Secretariat for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of the charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier, in terms of provisions of FR 56 (d) and Rule 16 (1A) of All India India Service (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rule, 1958."

Jain is currently heading the Aviation Research Centre, which played a critical role during Operation Sindoor, by collecting intelligence about Pakistani armed forces and terror camp locations.

He is also played a key role during the terrorism days in Punjab. He had served in Bhatinda, Mansa, Hoshiarpur districts of Punjab as SP and was SSP Chandigarh and DIG Ludhiana. Jain also handled Pakistan in India's external intelligence agency with tenures in Jammu and Kashmir during abrogation of Article 370 and Operation Balakote.

The next R&AW chief has always been an unassuming officer while serving in Canada and in Sri Lanka as Indian representative in the respective missions there. During his Canada posting, he had taken on the Khalistan ecosystem there and had then warned Delhi that it was becoming something dangerous.

435 Maoists eliminated in anti-Naxal ops in C'garh in 18 months: Officials

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE last 18 months saw a major success for the security forces against Naxalites, as over 400 operatives, against whom some rewards were there, have been neutralised in Chhattisgarh. Among them included a record number of 48 women extremists, officials said on Saturday.

According to data accessed by this newspaper, women now account for nearly 25 percent of 435 Naxals killed in encounters during the period, the highest recorded since 2001.

The data revealed that between 2024 and June 20, 2025, a total of 435 Maoists were killed in encounters with security forces, of which 48 were women. The spike in neutralisation of Naxal operatives (198) in 2025 marked a significant dent to the Left Wing Extremism.

A senior security official said, "CPI (Maoist) secretly and strategically moved to conspire, coerced and mislead women and young girls in the region and forcibly inducted them into its ranks for over the years."

He added that women and girls were taken onboard on false pretences, subjecting them to emotional, social, and psychological manipulation. Once recruited, they were never given a position of influence, he said, adding that instead they were ruthlessly exploited by the top Maoist leadership, used primarily as human shields during encounters and as foot soldiers during violent activities, while senior leaders remained protected.

The data on surrenders (1,457) by Maoists in the past 18 months suggested growing dissatisfaction within Maoist ranks - especially among women and the forces have been working with local administration towards rehabilitation and infrastructure developments.

SPIKE IN NEUTRALISATION

Action against CPI (Maoist) operatives in Chhattisgarh (2024-June 20, 2025)

Naxal killed	435
Women operatives killed	48
Naxal operatives surrendered	1,457
Naxal operatives apprehended	1,469

Swelling pile of unsold housing stock in top 7 metros

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S urban housing market is sitting atop a swelling pile of unsold stock—5.59 lakh units across the top seven metros, as per Anarock's Q1 2025 report. Though the total is 4% lower year-on-year, the numbers mask a deeper structural problem—homes are being built, but not for those who actually need them.

Mumbai tops the chart with 1.8 lakh unsold units and an overhang of 16 months. A major contributor: a 36% jump in luxury housing stock, driven by misplaced optimism about post-Covid demand. Developers have resumed high-end launches, but buyers haven't returned in equal measure. The result: unsold towers and frozen capital.

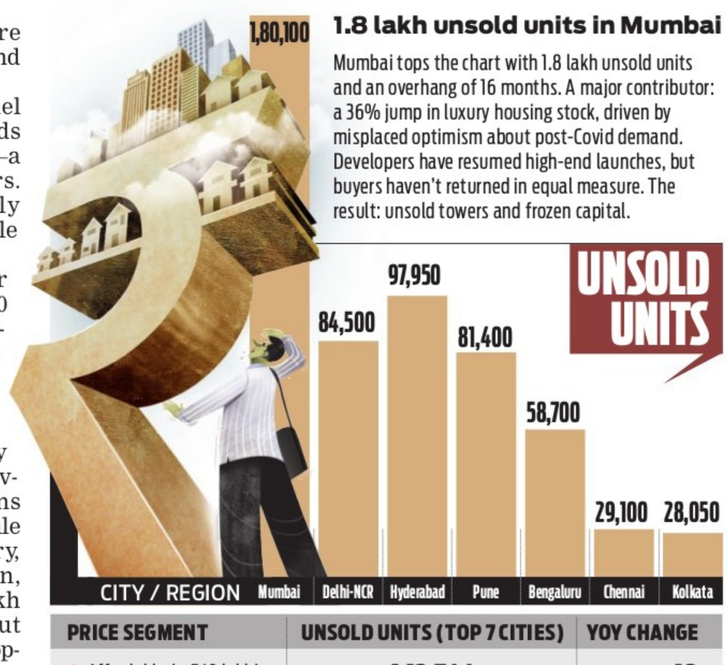
Delhi–NCR is barely doing better. With 84,500 unsold units, the region saw a 78% spike in luxury inventory. The public housing sector is equally troubled. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) failed to sell even a third of its stock in the 2025 scheme—just 2,628 flats sold out of 9,887 by February. In Narela, nearly 40,000 flats lie unsold, despite deep discounts and government efforts like feeder buses. The DDA is now saddled with ₹18,000 crore worth of unsold inventory and a ₹9,600 crore deficit.

Hyderabad, once the model for affordability, now holds nearly 98,000 unsold homes—a 177% increase in five years. Most alarming: it's the only city where unsold affordable housing stock actually rose.

Bengaluru and Pune offer rare bright spots. With 58,700 and 81,400 unsold units, respectively, both cities have held absorption steady. Bengaluru saw a 51% drop in unsold affordable homes, and its overhang is a healthy 11 months. The city's tech-driven housing market still aligns with real incomes. Pune, while slightly higher in inventory, has seen smart calibration, particularly in the ₹40–80 lakh range. But ballooning input costs could still nudge developers into higher segments.

Chennai, with 29,100 unsold units and a 20-month overhang, reflects a mixed picture. Kolkata, despite the lowest inventory among metros at 28,050 units, has shown the most extreme segmentation mismatch. Luxury inventory jumped 96%, while affordable stock dipped by 24–25%.

Across cities, the segmental data tells a grim tale: the developers are prioritising luxury where returns are higher, not where need is pressing. But the buyers for these luxury flats aren't lining up, and the result is dead capital, delayed projects, and a distorted market. On the other hand, shrinking disposable incomes have pushed many end-users to rent, not buy.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UNSOLD UNITS
84,500
97,950
81,400
58,700
29,100
28,050
CITY / REGION
Mumbai
Delhi-NCR
Hyderabad
Pune
Bengaluru
Chennai
Kolkata

PRICE SEGMENT	UNSOLD UNITS (TOP 7 CITIES)	YOY CHANGE
Affordable (< ₹40 lakh)	1,12,744	-19
Mid-range (₹40–80 lakh)	1,57,741	-10
Premium (₹80L–₹1.5 cr)	1,76,000	0
Luxury (≥ ₹1.5 crore)	1,13,193	24

In a first, landlocked Arunachal officer to command frontline naval warship

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

COMMANDER Ronie Chowpoo from Arunachal Pradesh's Namsai district has become the first officer from the state to command a frontline Indian naval warship in the Eastern Fleet, an official statement said on Saturday.

His appointment marks an important milestone and serves as an inspiration to the youth of Arunachal Pradesh, the Navy's statement said.

Commander Chowpoo, a first-generation Naval officer, was commissioned into the executive branch of the Navy in 2008. "A specialist in communication and electronic warfare, he has served on various frontline warships, including guided missile destroyers and frigates," the statement said. Over the course of his distinguished career, he has held key operational and staff appointments at Navy headquarters, fleet headquarters, and other strategic institutions, it added.

An alumnus of Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun, and the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, Commander Chowpoo's professional journey reflects determination and excellence. RIMC grooms youth from across the country to join the armed forces as officers.

The Indian Navy has been organising outreach programmes to induct youth from across the country and Commander Chowpoo was also part of the outreach programme in the northeast. This newspaper reported earlier that a similar outreach exercise was conducted in the northeastern states in December 2022.

During that programme, Navy personnel visited schools and conducted a 3,500-km-long motorcycle expedition. The events conducted in Ladakh as part of the Navy's outreach programme included a public band performance by the Naval band, a football match between the Navy and the Ladakh UT teams, bike and car expeditions, and visits to various schools.

"Chowpoo's rise from the 'Land of the Rising Sun' to commanding a warship in the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet, also called the 'Sunrise Fleet', underscores a powerful story of perseverance and commitment," the Navy's statement said. Congratulations have poured in for Commander Chowpoo and his family on this landmark accomplishment.

The Eastern Fleet was born on November 1, 1971 as war seemed imminent and clouds of conflict hovered over the subcontinent. The Fleet played a decisive role in the maritime domain holding sway in the Bay of Bengal and strangulating then East Pakistan from the sea, contributing to the the surrender in Dacca and the capture of more than 90,000 prisoners of war.

BETRAYED
A woman from Bihar's Aurangabad has been held for allegedly plotting and executing the murder of her husband with the help of her lover. Puja and her paramour ran over her husband with an SUV.

1 LEADER OF TMC HELD FOR BLAST THAT KILLED GIRL

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	28	25	Mumbai	29	27
Bhopal	27	23	Panaji	30	26
Jaipur	31	26	Patna	33	28
Amritsar	33	25	Lucknow	30	26
Chennai	35	29	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	31	27	Imphal	29	23
Srinagar	28	18	Chandigarh	29	25

Law college security guard held in student rape case; SIT set up

Police say survivor's medical exam results corroborate gang rape charge, CCTV holds key

KAUSHIK PRADHAN @ Kolkata

AMID outrage over the alleged gang rape of a 24-year-old student at the South Calcutta Law College in Kasba, Kolkata Police on Saturday formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the incident and arrested a security guard of the college, taking the number of arrests to four in the crime that took place inside the guard's room on the campus.

The police stopped a BJP rally led by its West Bengal unit chief Sukanta Majumdar and detained him along with other party leaders when they tried to take out the protest march to the law college. "Majumdar and other detained BJP leaders taken to the Kolkata police headquarters in Lalbazar," a police officer said.

On the basis of the survivor's complaint, prime accused Manojit Mishra, an alumnus of the college with alleged links with the ruling TMC's students' wing, and two students -- Promit Mukherjee and Zaid Ahmed – were earlier arrested. The three accused were produced before the Alipore court on Friday and remanded to police custody till July 1.

Earlier, the guard, Pinaki Banerjee, was detained by the police and after finding inconsistencies in his statement, he was arrested on Saturday morning police said.

BJP activists clash with cops during a protest against the 'gang-rape' in Kolkata | PTI

Sukanta among party leaders detained; rally stopped

The police stopped a BJP rally led by its West Bengal unit chief Sukanta Majumdar and detained him along with other party leaders when they tried to take out the protest march to the law college. "Majumdar and other detained BJP leaders taken to the Kolkata police headquarters in Lalbazar," a police officer said. Meanwhile, the BJP constituted a four-member fact-finding committee over the rape incident.

The survivor stated in her complaint that the guard was present at the time of the incident. She said the guard was made to sit outside the room during the crime.

A police officer said, "The guard's presence at the college has been captured in the CCTV installed in the college. The guard failed to carry out his duty. The guard has been inconsistent with his answers on why he did not stop the three accused from committing the crime."

In her complaint, the survivor said prime accused Mishra, being a leader of TMCP, students' wing of the TMC, had power and influence in the college, so the guard was helpless.

The confidential statement of the complainant has been recorded at the Alipore court. Meanwhile, results of the medical examination conducted on the survivor corroborated her gang-rape allegation, police sources said. "Mobile phones of three accused have been confiscated. A one-and-half-minute video clip was found from the mobile phone of one of the arrested," the sources said.

The complainant had earlier said that her video was recorded during the gang rape. She was also threatened that if she opened her mouth, the video would go viral. According to sources, police have recovered 7.5 hours of CCTV footage in the investigation into the allegations of gang rape. "The CCTV footage is being scanned to verify the complainant's statement," a police officer said. The 5-member SIT will be headed by Pradip Kumar Ghoshal, an assistant commissioner. The SIT has been formed ensure that the investigation process progresses properly and in the right direction, police said.

Meanwhile, the BJP constituted a four-member fact-finding committee over the rape incident. The members are: former Union ministers Satpal Singh, Meenakshi Lekhi, Lok Sabha MP Biplab Kumar Deb, and Rajya Sabha MP Manan Kumar Mishra.

EC snubs Tejashwi, says special intensive revision of voters' list on right track

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE Election Commission (EC) on Saturday said all activities related to special intensive revision (SIR) of the voters' list were progressing as per schedule. The EC's contention came a day after RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav asked whether it was possible to develop the voters' list for 8 crore people within 25 days. An EC statement said SIR has already started successfully in Bihar for verifying the eligibility of each elector with full participation of all political parties.

"Out of the existing 7,89,69,844 electors, 4.96 crore electors, whose names are already in the last intensive revision of electoral roll on January 1, 2003, have to simply verify so, fill the Enumeration Form and submit it," the EC said. All divisional commissioners and district magistrates are engaging all the BLOs full time during the SIR. SMSs are also being sent to the 5,74,07,022 registered mobile numbers of Bihar. "All recognised national and state political parties who are registered with EC have also appointed 1,54,977 booth level agents (BLAs)," it said.

Printing and door-to-door distribution of new enumeration forms (EF) for all existing 7,89,69,844 electors have started in each of the 243 assembly constituencies. Online filling of the new EFs has been enabled, the EC said. Meanwhile, NDA slammed Tejashwi for his objection to the special intensive review of the voters' list before Bihar assembly elections and his allegation that it was intended at erasing the names of poor and marginalised voters from the electoral rolls.

Union minister and Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) leader Jitan Ram Manjhi said bogus voters numbered between 25,000 and 30,000 in various constituencies. "So, why should not names of such bogus voters be erased from the electoral roll? Why the opposition should be scared if they have not done anything wrong?" he asked. Bihar assembly elections are due in October-November.

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State capital region to see light of day in a year

The UP government is on pace to develop the state capital region — planned along the lines of Delhi-NCR — within a year. The project being established at an outlay of a whopping ₹71 crore will sprawl over a total area of 26,700 sq km, covering the six districts of Lucknow, Barabanki, Sitapur, Hardoi, Unnao and Rae Bareli. The initiative is aimed at promoting integrated development across the region. Drawing from global best practices, the World Bank will extend technical support to this plan, which will be focused on strengthening high-speed inter-district connectivity, upgrading infrastructure and promoting balanced growth.

Tonsuring case a boost for Yadav's 'PDA' plank

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav has strongly condemned the alleged tonsuring of two religious preachers, including one from the Yadav caste, by "upper caste men" in Etawah's Dandarpur. He has painted the attack on two 'katha vachaks' (narrators of holy texts) as an assault on the 'PDA', an abbreviation often used by Yadav that stands for pichda (backwards), Dalit (scheduled castes) and alpsankhyak (minorities). Although the police acted swiftly and arrested four accused in the case, Yadav has used the episode to hammer home the message that 'PDA' folks are not safe under BJP rule.

State's green tribute to legendary leaders

As part of a special plantation drive, the UP government is set to raise forests named after luminaries like former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, India's first home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and tribal icon Birsa Munda. The 'Atal Van' will be raised to mark the birth centenary celebrations of Vajpayee, and an event will be organised in his honour at his ancestral village, Bateshwar. Likewise, the 'Ekta Van' will be set up to remember Patel on his 150th birth anniversary. And the 'Eklavya Van' will be developed in memory of Munda, who was also born a century and a half ago. After all, what better way to enrich the legacy of a pioneer than to raise a forest in their honour?

Dhami becomes longest-serving BJP U'khand CM

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Friday cemented his position as the longest-serving BJP Chief Minister in the state's 25-year existence.

This achievement places him as the second longest-serving Chief Minister overall since the state's formation, a record still held by the late Congress stalwart, Pandit Narain Dutt Tiwari, who completed a full five-year term.

Dhami's remarkable tenure surpasses that of all his BJP predecessors, including Bhuvan Chand Khanduri (who served twice), Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, and most notably, Trivendra Singh Rawat (TSR).

The path to this milestone began following the abrupt ouster of TSR, who was asked by the party high command to resign just a week shy of completing his four-year term on March 10, 2021. In another surprising move, the BJP handed over the reins to Tirath Singh Rawat, then an MP from Pauri Garhwal. He became the state's 12th CM and the fifth from the BJP. However, his tenure was short-lived, lasting just 116 days from March 10, 2021, to July 4, 2021.

Subsequently, Dhami, a three-time MLA, was entrusted with the state's leadership.

In Gujarat, Shah reaches out to youth for making India global leader by '47

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday urged the youth to commit themselves to making India a global leader by 2047, marking 100 years of independence. Linking the nation's future to its proud past, he paid tribute to tribal icon Govind Guru, crediting him with igniting public consciousness against British rule.

Speaking via video link during a development programme in Gujarat's Panchmahal district, Shah said that PM Narendra Modi is carrying forward Govind Guru's vision with a mission to build a 'Viksit Bharat'. The occasion also marked the launch of ₹125 crore worth of infrastructure works at Shri Govind Guru University.

Shah emphasised the significance of the tribal leader's contributions during British rule. "Govind Guru awakened the conscience of the people during the colonial era. He was a valiant hero of India's freedom movement," Shah said, recalling the Mangadh uprising, where 1,512 tribal men and women were martyred fighting British forces — an event that turned Mangadh into a landmark in history.

He hailed the establishment of Shri Govind Guru University at Vinzol near Godhra as a fulfilment of a vision first conceived by PM Modi during his tenure as Gujarat Chief Minister. "Narendrabhai had envisioned a university and memorial dedicated to Govind Guru that would inspire tribal communities across the nation," Shah said. Reiterating the government's commitment to honour tribal pride and history, Shah said, "PM Modi has taken Govind Guru's legacy forward and is committed to building a developed India by 2047."

He concluded by urging the nation's youth to dedicate themselves to this goal: "Our children and youth must resolve to make India number one in every field across the world. That would be the true tribute to our heroes."

Currently on Gujarat visit, Shah was scheduled to attend the foundation stone laying ceremony of Govind Guru University in Godhra on Saturday. However, adverse weather conditions prevented him from reaching the venue.

8-km-long traffic jam for 32 hrs kills three on Indore outskirts

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

SOURCE: X

THREE people lost their lives after getting stuck in a nearly eight km-long traffic jam that lasted up to 32 hours on the outskirts of Indore, the most developed city in Madhya Pradesh, on Thursday and Friday.

The deceased were identified as 65-year-old farmer Kamal Panchal, 55-year-old cancer patient Balram Patel, and 32-year-old security guard Sandeep Patel. Recounting the incident, Bijalpur (Indore)-based farmer Kamal Panchal's son Vijay said, "We were on our way to attend the Trayodashah ceremony (13th-day rituals) of my deceased aunt (father's sister) in Dewas district on Thursday, when we got stuck in a jam for around two hours. Suddenly, my father felt uneasy and complained of chest pain. It took us around half an hour to come out of the jam with the people's help. But by the time we reached the hospital in Dewas, the doctors declared him dead."

Fifty-year-old cancer patient Balram Patel from Shujalpur in Shajapur district, on his way to Indore's Choithram Hospital, died after both his oxygen cylinders got exhausted in a long traffic jam.

A 32-year-old security guard, Sandeep Patel, also experienced chest pain from being stuck in the jam for a long time. His family took him to a hospital via Manglia in Indore, but by then, he had passed away.

Stretching up to nearly 8 km, the jam was reportedly caused by the ongoing six-lane bridge construction, which compelled vehicles to take the broken, waterlogged and unfinished services roads amid rain. The absence of an adequate route diversion plan worsened the situation.

The situation worsened over the 30-32 hours (spanning from Thursday afternoon to Friday night), particularly as the bridge's construction was happening without repairing the alternate route – the service roads.

'Kaanta Laga' girl dies of cardiac arrest at 42

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

ACTOR Shefali Jariwala, widely recognised as the 'Kaanta Laga' girl, passed away on Saturday, at the age of 42. Shefali experienced a heart attack late at night on Friday and was taken to a private hospital in Mumbai by her actor-husband Parag Tyagi. She was declared dead at the hospital.

According to reports, the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) shared that the doctors have reserved their opinion after the postmortem of Shefali, and the cause of death is still not clear. Shefali captivated audiences with her iconic performance in the 2002 remix music video for the song 'Kaanta Laga'. Her energetic dance moves and distinct presence made the song, a remix of Lata Mangeshkar's 'Kaanta Laga... Bangle Ke Peechhe' from the 1972 film Samadhi, a cultural phenomenon. Following her breakthrough, she appeared in films like Mujhse Shaadi Karogi, as well as television shows such as Nach Baliye and Boogie Woogie. After her rocky marriage with musician Harmeet Singh from Meet Brothers ended in 2009, Shefali married Parag after four years of courtship in 2014.

Shefali got her breakthrough in 2002 music video

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Although her films or TV stint failed to take off after the rather stellar start, Shefali's career saw a resurgence when she entered Bigg Boss 13 as a wild card contestant. Inside the house, she garnered significant attention for her demeanour and showcased a more personal side, connecting her with a new generation of fans. Apart from her Bigg Boss Season 13 co-contestants, many members of the film and TV industry also expressed their anguish about her untimely demise.

Singer Mika Singh said he is unable to fathom the news about the death of his dearest friend, Jariwala. 'I'm deeply shocked, saddened, and feeling a heavy heart' Our beloved star and my dearest friend @shefalijariwala has left us. Still can't believe it. You will always be remembered for your grace, smile, and spirit. Om Shanti,' Singh wrote.

'I can't get over this news... my heart is sinking. Shefali,' actor Kamya Punjabi wrote.

Actor Divyanka Tripathi was shocked to learn about Shefali's demise. 'Still can't process the news about Shefali. Gone too soon. Deeply sad for her husband and the family,' Tripathi said on X.

Actor-comedian Kiku Sharda fondly recalled his experience of working with Jariwali, who he said was 'full of life'.

Crew mates relished Indian treats: Shux

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SHUKLA said the first experiment he conducted on Saturday was on stem cells. He explained, because of zero-gravity, there is no load in space, which leads to muscle loss. "So I am trying to understand: can muscle loss be stopped or delayed by giving supplements? This will help people, particularly the aged, on Earth who experience muscle loss," he said. Replying to a query from the PM on whether the experiments would help improve public health and the agricultural sector, Shux said he was also scheduled to study the growth of micro-algae in space, which would help ensure food security on Earth, as they grow fast and highly nutritious.

The two shared lighter moments when the PM enquired about his wellbeing and asked whether his crew mates enjoyed Indian cuisine that Shukla carried to space – Gajar Ka Halwa, Moong Dal halwa and Aam Ras – to which the latter replied that they did, and were keen to visit India and have more of it.

Modi asked about the location of the ISS during their conversation, and was amused on learning from Shux that some time back they had passed over Hawaii, but he could not say where they had reached as the ISS was moving at a whopping speed of 28,000 kmph, and that they witness 16 sunrises and sunsets each day, revolving around Earth every 90 minutes.

The PM had a hearty laugh when Shux explained how he initially found it difficult to walk, eat and sleep in zero-gravity in space. "Despite the year-long training, everything feels different here. I learnt all about the systems, the processes and the experiments. But after landing here, everything changed. This is because our body is so used to staying in gravity that everything is decided by that. In space, the smallest of things become difficult. I have strapped my feet to the chair to sit down and talk to you, or else I would be floating," Shukla said.

PM left no opportunity to assert that he was representing all 140 crore Indians during his conversation with Shukla and said the astronaut had set new goals for the youth to achieve. Modi said, "This mission of Shukla is not just limited to space, but will speed up and channelise India's Viksit Bharat journey. India will now open a new set of opportunities for the globe in the space sector. India will also create platforms for new launches and landings in space," Modi said.

The PM was also curious to know Shukla's first thoughts when he entered space and what he saw. "The first time when we reached the orbit at 400 km altitude, the first view I had was of the Earth. Looking at it from space, the first thought that came to my mind was that the Earth looks just like one. Also India looks different from what we see on 3D/2D and on maps. India looks very impressive and very big," Shukla said.

1.2 million
Afghans forced to return from Iran, Pakistan this year, says UN

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	11	LC	Los Angeles	17	10	SNY
Colombo	32	25	TDS	Melbourne	18	13	LC
Dhaka	34	27	LC	Moscow	5	0	LC
Dubai	42	31	SNY	New York	14	6	LR
Houston	30	22	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	17	12	LR	Toronto	8	1	LC
London	17	8	SNY	Washington	23	8	TDS

STREETS OF TEHRAN PACKED TO MOURN SLAIN GUARD CHIEFS, NUKE SCIENTISTS

Khamenei skips public funeral as the crowd chants 'Death to America' and 'Death to Israel'

KEY NUMBERS, FALLOUT & UNCERTAIN TALKS

Iran media reported more than 1 million people turned out for the funeral procession

- 12-day conflict before ceasefire on Tuesday
- Israel: Killed over 30 Iranian commanders, 11 nuclear scientists
- Hit 8 nuclear sites, 720+ military targets
- 1,000+ killed, including 417 civilians (HR Activists group)
- Iran fired 550+ missiles; 28 killed in Israel
- US bombs caused "very considerable" damage to Fordo site: IAEA
- Iran suspends work with UN nuclear watchdog
- Trump expects Iran inspections, possible talks soon
- Iran hints at talks but slams Trump's "disrespectful tone"
- First public funerals post-ceasefire held for 60, including 4 women & 4 children

Mourners attend the funeral procession of Iranian military commanders and scientists killed during Israeli strikes at Enghelab Square in the capital Tehran | AFP

DUBAI

HUNDREDS of thousands of mourners lined the streets of downtown Tehran on Saturday for the funeral of the head of the Revolutionary Guard and other top commanders and nuclear scientists killed during a 12-day war with Israel. The caskets of Guard's chief Gen Hossein Salami, the head of the Guard's ballistic missile program, Gen Amir Ali Hajizadeh and others were driven on trucks along the capital's Azadi Street as people in the crowds chanted: "Death to America" and "Death to Israel."

Salami and Hajizadeh were both killed on the first day of the war, June 13, as Israel launched a war it said meant to destroy Iran's nuclear programme, specifically targeting military commanders, scientists and nuclear facilities.

State media reported more than 1 million people turned out for the funeral procession, which was impossible to independently confirm, but the dense crowd packed the main Tehran thoroughfare along the entire 4.5 kilometer (nearly 3 mile) route.

There was no immediate sign of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in the state broadcast of the funeral. Khamenei, who has not made a public appearance since before the outbreak of the war, has in past funerals held prayers for fallen commanders over their caskets before the open ceremonies, later aired on state television.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi was on hand, and state television reported that Gen Esmail Qaani, who heads the foreign wing of the Revolutionary Guard, the Quds Force, and Gen Ali Shamkhani were also among the mourners.

Shamkhani, an adviser to Khamenei who was wounded in the first round of Israel's attack and hospitalised, was shown in a civilian suit leaning on a cane in an image distributed on state television's Telegram channel.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard was created after its 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Since it was established, it has evolved from a paramilitary, domestic security force to a transnational force that has come to the aid of Tehran's allies in the Middle East, from Syria and Lebanon to Iraq.

Authorities closed government offices to allow public servants to attend the ceremonies.

Many in the crowd expressed feelings of anger and defiance. State media published images of an open grave plot at Tehran's sprawling Behesht-e-Zahra cemetery where army chief of staff, Gen Mohammad Bagheri, who was killed on the first day of the war, was to be buried beside his brother, a Guards commander killed during the 1980s Iran-Iraq war.Many of the others were to be buried in their hometowns. *AP*

Israeli strikes kill at least 72 people in Gaza, ceasefire prospects inch closer

DEIR AL-BALAH

ISRAELI strikes killed at least 72 people across Gaza overnight and into Saturday, health workers said, as ceasefire prospects were said to be improving after 21 months of war.

Three children and their parents were killed in an Israeli strike on a tent camp in Muwasi near the southern city of Khan Younis. They were struck while sleeping, relatives said. "What did these children do to them? What is their fault?" said the children's grandmother, Suad Abu Teima, as others knelt to kiss their bloodied faces and wept. Some placed red flowers into the body bags.

Also among the dead were 12 people near the Palestine Stadium in Gaza City, which was sheltering displaced people, and eight more in apartments, according to staff at Shifa Hospital. More than 20 bodies were taken to Nasser Hospital, according to health officials.

A midday strike killed 11 people on a street in eastern Gaza City, and their bodies were taken to Al-Ahli Hospital. Another strike on a gathering in eastern Gaza City killed eight including five children, the hospital said. A strike on a gathering at the entrance to the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza killed two, according to Al-Awda Hospital.

US President Donald Trump says there could be a ceasefire agreement within the next week. Taking questions from reporters on Friday, he said, "We're working on Gaza and trying to get it taken care of."

An official with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that Israeli Minister for Strategic Affairs Ron Dermer will arrive in Washington next week for talks on a Gaza ceasefire, Iran and other subjects. *AP*

Sudan military backs UN weeklong El Fasher truce for aid distribution

CAIRO

SUDAN'S military agreed to a proposal from the United Nations for a weeklong ceasefire in El Fasher to facilitate U.N. aid efforts to the area, the army said Friday. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called Sudanese military leader Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan and asked him for the humanitarian truce in El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur province, to allow aid delivery.

Burhan agreed to the proposal and stressed the importance of implementing relevant UN Security Council resolutions, but it's unknown whether the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces would agree and comply with the ceasefire. "We are making contacts with both sides with that objective, and that was the fundamental reason for that phone contact. We have a dramatic situation in El Fasher," Guterres told reporters on Friday. No further details were revealed about the specifics of the ceasefire, including when it could go into effect.

Sudan plunged into war in April 2023 when simmering tensions between the Sudanese army and the rival RSF escalated into battles in the capital, Khartoum, and spread across the country, killing more than 20,000 people.

The war has also driven more than 14 million people from their homes and pushed parts of the country into famine. UNICEF said earlier this year that an estimated 61,800 children have been internally displaced since the war began. Guterres said on Friday that a humanitarian truce is needed for effective aid distribution, and it must be agreed upon several days in advance to prepare for a large-scale delivery in the El Fasher area, which has seen repeated waves of violence recently.

El-Fasher, more than 800 kilometers (500 miles) southwest of Khartoum, is under the control of the military. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Trainer plane crash near Moscow kills 4

Moscow: A Yakovlev Yak-18T light trainer aircraft crashed in Kolomna district near Moscow on Saturday, killing all four crew and trainees on board. The plane, used for civil aviation pilot training, reportedly suffered engine failure while performing aerobatics and burst into flames in a field. No casualties or damage occurred on the ground. Russia's Disaster Management Ministry confirmed the deaths, while reports indicated the aircraft may not have had flight clearance. The Prosecutor's Office has launched an investigation into the crash. Yak-18T planes are widely used by flying clubs across the former Soviet Union for pilot training.

Nepal's ex-prez Bhandari returns to active politics

Kathmandu: Former Nepal president Bidya Devi Bhandari has rejoined active politics by renewing her membership in the ruling CPN-UML, nearly a decade after leaving to assume the presidency. Announcing the move in Kathmandu on her late husband Madan Bhandari's birth anniversary, Bhandari said she aims to continue the party's political journey. Her return has sparked debate and speculation she may challenge PM K P Oli's leadership, with reports suggesting possible rivalry ahead of the next party convention. Bhandari, 62, served as Nepal's first woman president from 2015-2023.

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TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Re-Tender Notice No.110/2025-2026

The tenderers willing to submit tenders for Remediation of Legacy Waste through Bio-Mining Process (Phase-III) at **Ariyamangalam Compost Yard in Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation** valuing at the cost of **Rs.4,085.00 Lakhs** to be executed under the Swachh Bharat Mission (U) - 2.0 are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in **http://tntenders.gov.in** as well as through sealed hard copy on or before **3.00 p.m.** of **18.07.2025,** which will be downloaded and opened at **03.30 p.m** in the same day. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue. Other details may be obtained in the Engineering section, Main office during office hours in working days.

Tender Conditions are available in the above said website.

(1140/2025/E5(Main)
DIPR/3317/TENDER/2025

Commissioner,
Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Smt.K.V.ARUNA,** W/o. late K.V. Maruthikumar, Residing at Yelahanka, BANGALORE-560064 intends to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY from its owner **Sri.NITHIN H.S.,** S/o. Shankaralingegowda. And have entered an **AGREEMENT OF SALE** having acquired the same by way of **SALE DEED** dated 06.07.2024 from **J.K.Jagadish and others.**

If anyone having Claim right over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Vacant **Site bearing No.131,** in Katha No.688 of Yelahanka C.M.C.formed out of converted land bearing Sy. No.3/1, situated at Chikkabomasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring **East to West: 30'-0" feet and North to South: 40'-0" feet** and in all measuring about 1200 Sq. ft and the same is been formed out of **Survey No.3/1,** which is been converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.[N]-165/88-89 on dated **01.07.1989,** issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore. Along with a constructed dwelling house ground plus one floor with necessary fixtures. And Bounded on:

East by : Site No. 130
West by : Site No. 132
North by : Site No. 142
South by : 30 feet Road

Sri. B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No.334, 09th Main, 14th Cross,
Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Mob:98450 22593

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the immoveable property described in the SCHEDULE hereunder from its owner, Mrs.VEGESNA ANJANA DEVI, wife of Mr. V. Rangaraju, residing at No. 5, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, Chowdaiah Block, RT Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032, for a lawful and valid consideration.

Any person / bank /society / firm / company / institutions or any other body, having any legally enforceable claims, right, title, interest, ownership on the below mentioned Schedule property, may lodge their objections, claims in writing with the supporting documents with the undersigned within 10 (TEN) days from the date of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period our client/s shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing part of Sy. No No.3/2, measuring 0-13-4.00 guntas, situated at Kattigenahalli Village, Jala2 Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the:-

East by : Sy. No. 3/1;
West by : Remaining part of Sy. No. 3/2;
North by : Bagalur Main Road;
South by : Sy. No. 3/3

G.S.Srinivas & Keshav Reddy, AJS Advocates,
8, II Main, 9th Cross, Indiranagar I Stage, Bengaluru - 560 038. Mob.: 9845163155 Mob: 99807 44544
Client Contact No.:93457 36603
Bengaluru Date: 29/06/2025

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E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on the dates mentioned below for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)
The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits are also mentioned hereunder.

Union Bank of India, Madivala Branch
No.6 & 7 SVR Privilege Hosur Road Madivala Bengaluru 560068
Mail Id :ubin0912280@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
(1) Abdulla Baig S/o Abdul Rahim Baig No.49, LIG KHB Colony Mahadevpura Layout, Mysore, Udayagiri, Karnataka -570019.**Also at :** 1148, AzmathMazil, 1st Floor, 1st Stage Rajiv Nagar, Mysore -570019.
(2)Mrs.Imrana, No.49, LIG KHB Colony Mahadevpura Layout, Mysore, Udayagiri, Karnataka -570019. **Also at :** 1148, Azmath Mazil, 1st Floor, 1st Stage Rajiv Nagar, Mysore -570019.
Amount Due :Rs.61,23,428.47/- (Rupees Sixty-One Lakh Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight and Forty-Seven Paise Only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of Property: All the piece and parcel of the property measuring 23 Guntas in Sy No.80/4, situated at Hirandahalli Village Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore with residential flat, bearing No.103 Block A, First Floor, Property Sl.No.150200400100820229, Pinnacle, measuring 1123 sqft of Super Built Up area 374. Sq ft of undivided share, together with one covered car parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc with right, title and interest, with boundaries: East by: Podium Slab, West by: Corridor, North by: 102 flat, South by: 104 flat.

Reserve Price:Rs.44,95,475/-
(Rupees Forty-Four Lakh Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-FiveOnly)
EMD: Rs.4,49,547.50
(Rupees Four Lakh Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty Seven and Paise Fifty Only)

For Auction related queries contact Union Bank of India,
Madivala Branch, Contact No: 9847269502

Union Bank of India, Hennur Road Branch
No.316,7thMain,1stBlock, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar,Bangalore-560043

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor: 1.B.Nagaraj S/o Barmanna. **2.Manjula** W/o B.Nagaraj. **Both are residing at:** No.5, Ramanna Layout, 1st Main,1stCross, Dodda Byrathi, Kothnur,Bangalore-560077.
Amount Due : Rs.55,03,942.30/- (Rupees Fifty-Five Lakh Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two and Thirty Paise Only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of the BBMP property bearing No.77, Old Katha No. 109, Kacharakanahalli, Grama Panchayat Khata No.118/165/9, (Old PID No.89-71-71) situated at Hennur Main Road, Kachakaranahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No 89, New Ward No.29, at measuring East to West 55 feet and North to South 18 totally measuring 990 sq ft and bounded on: East by : Smt. Yellamma's Property, West by : Smt Munirathnamma, Sri L. Manjunath and Sri.L Arun Kumar's Property, North by : Smt. Yellamma's Property, South by : 6 feet common passage towards Hennur Main Road.

Reserve Price:Rs.78,10,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Ten Thousand Only)
EMD: Rs.7,81,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighty One Thousand Only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Hennur Road Branch, Contact No: 9099995836

Union Bank of India, S. C. Road Branch
No.71/1,Brigade Plaza ,SC Road, Near Anand Rao Circle,Bangalore-560009
Mail Id:ubin0901440@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor: 1.Mr. Raju.H S/o. Hanumanthappa, **2. Mrs. Padma W/o Raju.H Both are residing at:** D.No.9/1,1st Floor, Kulume Siddanna Garden, Kannan Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008.**Alternative address:** Flat No. B28/308, 3rd Floor, Alur Phase I, Makali, Bangalore-560008
Amount Due : Rs.4,46,441.40/- (Rupees Four Lakh Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One and Forty Paise Only) As on 31.05.2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of the flat bearing No. B28-308, Third Floor, B-28 Block, BDA Flats (Phase-2, Type-3), 1BHK Situated at Alur Phase-1, Alur Dasanapura, Hobli, formed by BDA Bangalore, totally measuring 33.526 Sq.mtr built up area and bounded by: East by : ALR House No.B28/307, West by : Staircase, North by : ALR House No.B28/305, South by : Road.

Reserve Price:Rs.8,13,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Ten Thousand Only)
EMD: Rs.81,300/- (Rupees Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
S. C. Road Branch, Contact No: 9863080575/9740334621

Date and Time of E-auction 30.07.2025 (12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last Date for Submission of EMD : On or before commencement of e-auction
E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://baanknet.com and http://www.unionbankof india.co.in
The online E- auction will be held through website:https://baanknet.com

Date: 26.06.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOST BAGGAGE/ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

In compliance of the order, dated **21.03.2025 ,** passed by the **Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka,** at **Bengaluru** in **Crl.P. NO. 10018/2024** to furnish all relevant documents as required by the Investigation Officer in F.I.R. No. 28/2024, I , **Gurpreet Daas , Advocate ,** registered with Bar Council of Delhi, counsel for **Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia** in **O.S.-175/2024 ,** pending before the **Ld. Court Sr. Civil Judge & JMFC , New Civil Court, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, on 28.03.2025,** boarded the flight **AI2817 from Delhi To Bengaluru** along with my checked-in baggage [Tag No. A1510777], containing my clothes, [including uniform], shoes, case files and original documents along with a set of certified copies of the same related to the above referred matters . **However** on my arrival at Kempagoda International Airport on **28.03.2025** I could not find my suitcase on the belt . Despite repeated follow-ups via calls and emails , no timely update was provided. After multiple clarifications, Air India , acknowledged the case (ref.BLRAI628) and offered Rs. 6,000 as compensation , which was credited to my account on **26.05.2025 ,** with a request to return the amount if the baggage is found later.
I hereby declare that I have lost my above referred checked-in baggage [Tag No. A1510777], containing amongst others , the following below mentioned Original documents of my client **Sri. Manish Kumar Sethia,** S/o. Devendra Kumar Sethia R/o.- 344/88, Flat.No.2A, 3rd Floor, 18th Cross, 16th Main, M. C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560040 at Kempegowda International Airport , Bengaluru, due to improper handling of my checked-in-baggage by Air India.

Sr. No.	Description of Lost Original Documents	Total No. of Pages
1.	**Original** approved map, dated **04.09.2017** of the suit/schedule Properties total measuring **15 acres 22 Guntas along with existing Guntas along with existing structure** formed out of various survey numbers mentioned below , situated at **Nagadenahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk , Bengaluru Rural District.**	01
2.	**Original** approval certificate of the map of the Suit/Schedule Properties, dated **04.09.2017.**	01
3.	**Original Registered Sale Deed** dated 20.03.2013, executed by **Sri. S. Satyajae Shanbor Gupta** in favour of Sh. Sanjeev Nahata registered as document bearing No. DBP-1-10810 /2012-13, Stored in CD No. DBPD291 of Book-I in the office of the sub registrar, Doddaballapur , Bengaluru Rural.	16
4.	**Original Registered Agreement of Sale , dated 24.05.2014 ,** executed by **Smt. Narayanamma & Ten Ors.** in favour of **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata,** registered as Document No. **DBP-1-01727-2014-15, CD no. DBPD320** dated **24.05.2014** of **Book 1** in the office of **Sub-Registrar , Dodaballapur, Bengaluru Rural.**	16
5.	**Original Registered General Power of Attorney , dated 24.05.20214,** executed by **Smt. Narayanamma & Ten Ors.** in favour of **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata ,** registered as document No. **DBP-4-00079-2014-15** stored in **CD no. DBPD320 dated 24.05.2014 book 4** in the office of **Sub-Registrar Dodaballapur, Bengaluru Rural.**	15
6.	**Original** Mutation in the revenue records in the name of **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata as per MR No.H1/2014-15,** dated **22.07.2014.**	04
7.	**Original Registered Sale Deed** dated **14.08.2014 ,** executed by **Smt. Narayanamma & Ten Ors.** in favour of **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata ,** registered as document bearing No. **DPB-1-04643/2014-15,** stored in **CD No. DPBD330** of **Book-I** in the office of **Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural .**	20
8.	**Original copy** of mutation in the revenue records in the name of **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata as per MR No. H4/2014-15** dated **22.10.2014.**	11
9.	**Original Notarized Agreement of Sell dated 27.08.2015,** executed b/w **Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia** and **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata** in respect of the **Suit/Schedule Properties, in the Sy. No.101 to 104** admeasuring around **15 acres 22 guntas in Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural .**	12
10.	**Original Notarized General Power of Attorney,** dated **27.08.2015,** executed by Sh. **Sanjeev Nahata in favour of Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia** in respect of the **Suit/Schedule Properties** in the **Sy. No.101 to 104** admeasuring around **15 acres 22 guntas in Doddaballapu, Bengaluru Rural.**	09
11.	**Original Deed of confirmation,** dated **26.05.2017** bearing no. **BKI-1716/17-18,** executed by **Smt. Muniyamma & Four Ors. ,** in favour of **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata,** bearing **document no. DBP-1-01716-2017-18** stored in **CD no. DBPD421 of Book-I** in the office of **Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapur , Bengaluru Rural.**	17
12.	**Original Deed of confirmation,** dated **26.05.2017,** bearing no. **BKI-1718/17-18,** executed by **Sri Manjunatha & Three Ors.** in favour of **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata,** registered as document No. **DBP-1-01718-2017-18** stored in **CD No. DBPD421 of Book 1** in the office of **Sub-Registrar Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural.**	11
13.	**Original Deed of confirmation**, dated **27.05.2017,** bearing no. **BKI-1737/17-18 ,** executed by **Smt. Kanthamma and Four Ors.** in favour of **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata ,** registered as **document no. DBP-1-01737-2017-18** stored in **CD No. DBPD421 of Book 1** in the office of **Sub-Registrar Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural.**	10
14.	**Original Deed of confirmation ,** dated **11.12.2017,** bearing no. **BKI-8911/17-18 ,** executed by **Smt. Muniyamma** and **Twelve Ors. in favour of Sh. Sanjeev Nahata ,**registered as **document no. DBP-1-08909-2017-18 dated 13.12.2017** stored in **CD No. DBPD434 of Book I** in the office of **Sub-Registrar Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural**	19
15.	**Original Deed of confirmation**, dated **27.08.2014,** bearing no. **BKI-5015/14-15** executed by **Sri. S Satyajae Shanbor Gupta** on **27.08.2014 , in favour of Sh. Sanjeev Nahata ,** registered as **document no. DBP-1-05015-2014-15** stored in **CD No. DBPD331 of Book 1** in the office of **Sub-Registrar ,Doddaballapur , Bengaluru Rural .**	11
16.	**Original Challan,** issued by, **Department of Treasuries, Govt. of Karnataka** in the name of **M/s. PRAMAAN PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED,** reflecting outgoing payment **of Rs. 72,75,907/-** on **01.08.2019** from **M/s. Pramaan Projects Private Limited,** bearing a/c. no. **29580200000663,** issued by M/s. Bank of Baroda for conversion of Agriculture lands in Item No. 1 to 15 of the Suit/Schedule Properties for the purpose of agriculture educational and health institution.	47
17.	**Original Conversion Order** and other related documents /memorandum , passed by the **Deputy Commissioner,** permitting conversion from Agriculture lands **in Item No. 1 to 15 of the Suit/Schedule Properties** for the purpose of **agriculture educational and health institution** as per different official memorandum each dated **12.12.2019 and 16.12.2019.**	30
18.	**Original Certificate,** issued by **Regd. Chartered Accountant Shri Vishal Kumar Shaw** bearing **UDIN : 24311716BKAKTU3151,** dated **15.11.2024,** certifying the investment to the tune of **Rs. 45,72,75,907/-** approximately by the **plaintiff's** company **M/s. PRAMAAN PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED** for its project namely **"Brahmi Agriculture Educational and Health Institution"** since **01.04.2016** till **31.03.2020.**	01
19.	**Original General Power of Attorney,** dated **27.08.2015,** executed by **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata** in favour of **Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia** in respect of the **Suit/Schedule Properties** in the **Sy. No.101 to 104** admeasuring around **15 acres 22 guntas** in Doddaballapu, Bengaluru Rural ,bearing **Document No. 395** dated **29.09.2023, Certified U/s. 41** of the **Karnataka Stamp Act 1957,** bearing no. **DR/R/ADJ 315/23-24 dated 29.09.2023,** certifying that a sum of **Rs. 38,000,00/-,** being the deficit proper Stamp Duty has been recovered/ credited to Bank Treasury **vide Receipt/Challan No. Cr092300300047907O** dated **26.09.2023 , by Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia,** residing at **Vijayanagar, Banglore,** by **District Registrar** and **Deputy Commissioner (D.U.S.) Banglore Rural District, Bangalore,** issuing certificate **under section 39 of the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957,** certifying that the **G.P.A. dated 27.08.2015 , is dully stamped.**	14
20	**Original Regd. Sale Deed** dated **03/04.10.2023** , executed by **Sh. Sanjeev Nahata** in favour of **Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia** with respect to the Suit /Schedule Properties in all total measuring **15 Acre 22 Guntas along with existing structure** formed out of various survey numbers , situated at Nagadenahalli village, Kasaba Hobli doddaballapura taluk , Bengaluru Rural District, registered as document bearing No. **4845/23-24 , Book-1 GNR-1-04858-2024-24** in the office of the **sub registrar, Ganganagar.**	24
21	**Original Order,** dt **08.11.2023 in RRTD isp/603/2023,** passed by **Tehsildar** to mutate the properties in the name of **Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia.**	01
22	**Original** Mutation Extract dated **08.11.2023 in RRTD isp/603/2023** in the name of **Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia.**	07
23	**Original** Mutation Register Extract bearing **MR T6/2023-2024** dated **13.11.2023** in the name of **Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia.**	15
24	**Original** Mutation Register Extracts bearing **MR T8/2023-24 to T22/2023-24** in the name of **Sh Manish Kumar Sethia.**	15
25	**Original** copies of **RTCs** of **T8/2023-24** to **T22/2023-24,** all dated **04.12.2023** in the name of **Sh. Manish Kumar Sethia.**	15
26	**Original copies** of the Mutation Register Extracts dated **06.02.2024.**	14
27	**Original Forensic Signature Examination Report**, dated. **09.05.2024,** issued by **Sh. Syed Faizal Huda,** Forensic Expert of M/s. **Forensic Services India ,** H-42, Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar Okhla, New Delhi-110025, giving definite opinion u/s **45 of Indian Evidence Act, 1872** that the questioned signatures, marked as **Q-1** to **Q-53 ,** were written/signed by **Sh. "Sanjeev Nahata",** the writer of the admitted signature marked as **A-1.** Report issued under **MSME Regd.** No. : **UDYAM-DL-08-0066014, GST/UIN : 07AUMPH6733KIZ8 , ISO : 9001-2015.**	71
28	**Original copy** of the **Forensic Signature Examination Report**, dated **10.05.2024,** issued by **Dr. Adarsh Mishra,** Forensic Expert of M/s. **Brilliant Forensic Investigation Pvt. Ltd.,** 102 T/F , C-6/A Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, giving definite opinion **u/s 45 of Indian Evidence Act, 1872** that the questioned **Q-1 to Q-53** signatures have been written or executed by the **writer "Sanjeev Nahata"** of admitted **A-1** signature.	46

All the above Original documents are related to **Schedule Property [1]**. Sy.No.101/1 measuring 2 acres **[2].** Sy.No.101/2 measuring 7.08 guntas **[3].** Sy.No.101/3 measuring 7.04 guntas, **[4].** Sy.No.101/4 measuring 7.04 guntas **[5].** Sy.No.101/5 measuring 7.04 guntas **[6].** Sy.No.101/6 measuring 7.04 guntas, **[7].** Sy.No.101/7 measuring 7.04 guntas **[8].** Sy.No.101/8 measuring 7.04 guntas **[9].** Sy.No.101/9 measuring 7.04 guntas **[10].** Sy.No.101/10 measuring 7.04 guntas **[11].** Sy.No.101/11 measuring 7.04 guntas **[12].** Sy.No.101/12 measuring 7.04 guntas **[13].** Sy.No.102 measuring 4 acres **[14].** Sy.No.103 measuring 3 acre 33 guntas and **[15].** Sy.No.104/1 measuring 3 acre 22 guntas, total measuring 15 acres 22 guntas, all situated **at Nagadenahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk , Bengaluru Rural District.**

A written Police complaint has been lodged on **18.06.2025** with Kempegoda International Airport , P.S. , Karnataka State Police, Devanahalli, Bengaluru-560300 and further on their advice to file **"Lost Item/Document Report u/s 155 Cr.P.C.** with the **"Karnataka State Police (KSP) App",** on **20.06.2025 and 21.06.2025** online **"Lost Article/Documents Report "** were filed, which were duly acknowledged by the **Karnataka State Police** vide their following **10 "Lost Article/Documents Report" Acknowledgement Receipts bearing Nos. :- [1].**1661748/20.06.2025 **[2].**1661908/20.06.2025 **[3].**1661961/20.06.2025 **[4].**1662062/20.06.2025 **[5].**1662130/20.06.2025 **[6].**1662295/20.06.2025 **[7].** 1662437/20.06.2025 **[8].**1662492/20.06.2025 **[9]** .1662547/20.06.2025 **[10].** 1664654//21.06.2025.

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IndusInd shortlists 3 for top job

Rajiv Anand of Axis Bank, Anup Saha of Bajaj Fin, Rahul Shukla of HDFC shortlisted candidates

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

TROUBLED IndusInd Bank, which has been headless since April when chief executive Sumant Kathpalia and deputy Arun Khurana resigned owning moral responsibility for the losses in its forex derivatives trading book, has reportedly shortlisted three names -- Rajiv Anand of Axis Bank, Anup Saha of Bajaj Finance, and Rahul Shukla of HDFC Bank -- to lead the lender.

While Anand is currently deputy managing director (MD) of Axis Bank, Saha is MD of Bajaj Finance, and Shukla is group head of commercial and rural banking at HDFC Bank and is on a sabbatical from the largest private sector bank. While Kathpalia resigned on April 29, Khurana did so a day before. Both had cited moral responsibility for the scam for the decisions to leave the bank, which came in well after seven weeks since the crisis came out. Both have been banned by the Sebi from market for insider trading—they had pocketed ₹157 crore from selling bank's shares in 2023-24.

Since their resignations, the bank is run by an RBI-approved executive committee comprising its consumer banking head Soumitra Sen and the chief administrative officer Anil Rao. As per a source in the know of the development, the board of the Hinduja group-promoted bank is expected to clear these names and submit the list to the Reserve Bank for approval any day now before the regulatory deadline of June 30. The regulator has asked the board to suggest probable names only from outside IndusInd Bank.

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TOP DECK REJIG

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The upcoming leadership change is seen as a crucial development for the bank, which has been in focus since early March when it was forced by the RBI to inform all stakeholders that it made accounting mistakes in forex derivatives books for several years and that it would have to make provisions of 1.35% of its networth as of December 2024 when it was ₹64,000 crore.

The bank on May 22 said while announcing the March quarter earnings that the losses were much higher at ₹2,329 crore. It had booked a net profit of ₹2,349 crore in the year-ago period. Most of the loss was due to the impairment in its forex derivatives book, which the management first said would be about ₹1,600 crore. The lender reported net interest income of ₹3,048 crore in Q4, 43% lower from ₹5,376 crore a year ago.

The 59-year-old Anand has over 35 years of experience in the financial services sector. He began his journey at Axis Asset Management Company in 2009 as its founding MD and CEO. In 2013, he moved to Axis Bank as president of retail banking, eventually joining the board in the same year. In 2018, he was appointed to lead wholesale banking and since December 2021 he has been serving as deputy MD, overseeing several critical functions including wholesale banking, digital banking, marketing and corporate communications. He will retire from the bank in August.

Saha has over 30 years experience, of which 25 have been in financial services space. He had spent 14 years at ICICI Bank before moving to Bajaj Finance in 2017. Over the years, he managed a wide spectrum of businesses such as credit cards, auto loans, mortgages, and structured finance, contributing to the largest and the most profitable non-banking company's retail growth strategy. He was elevated to the top job in April 2025 for five years.

The 55-year-old Shukla had joined HDFC Bank in 2018 to head its corporate & business banking. He has over 30 years of industry experience. Shukla had began his career with Citibank in 1991 and held several senior roles, including head of corporate banking for South Asia, overseeing operations in India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka and was part of Citibank's global corporate banking operating committee. Its share is 42% below its 52-week high of ₹1,514.95 recorded in June 2024. Following the accounting scam announcement on March 10, the scrip had plunged to a low of ₹605.40 on March 11, losing about 27% on a single day.

IndusInd came under scrutiny after a series of financial and regulatory setbacks on March 10, 2025 when it was forced to admit an accounting lapse of ₹1,979 crore in its forex derivatives book. This was followed by findings from an internal audit that uncovered ₹674 crore erroneously recorded as interest income from its microfinance segment. The review also flagged ₹595 crore under unsubstantiated balances classified under other assets in balance sheet, raising concerns over its corporate governance practices and financial reporting standards.

NEWSCOPE

RAILWAYS FACE GLITZ OR SAFETY OPTION

GURBIR SINGH

A fatal accident and a major project delay has reignited issues that have plagued the Indian Railways. Earlier this month, as many as 5 Mumbai commuters were killed when two overloaded trains travelling in opposite directions came dangerously close on a turn between two suburban stations. Those hanging out on footboards brushed each other and many fell off.

In an unrelated development, three giant-sized tunnel boring machines (TBMs), on order to drill an underground route for a 21-kilometre stretch of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail corridor, have been held up at a Chinese port. The ground breaking ceremony for the project was performed way back in September 2017 by Prime Minister Modi and then Japanese PM Shinzo Abe. However, issues mainly related to land acquisition have slowed the project.

Now, the TBMs have added to the delay. Built in Guangzhou, China by German tunnelling specialist Herrenknecht, they were to reach India by October 2024, but clearance from the Chinese authorities has not come. Meanwhile, project cost has almost doubled to Rs 1.08 lakh crore, and completion of the new rail corridor has been pushed back to 2029.

The massive Mumbai suburban train accident, and the lack of funds for improving safety, on the one hand, while huge funds are allocated to what P Chidambaram called 'vanity projects' like the Bullet Train', is triggering serious debate.

Mumbai's death trap

It is indeed a scandal that Mumbai's rail network has become a death trap. Suburban rail accident figures show 51,802 people died in accidents over two decades from 2005 to 2024 – an unacceptable 7 deaths every day.

In recent years the situation seems to have gotten worse. Responding to a PIL filed soon after the 9 June accident, the Bombay High Court commented: "What disturbs us is that in 2024, 3,588 deaths took place on CR and WR, which averages to 10 deaths per day. So every day, 10 Mumbaikars die while travelling on the train. And these numbers of deaths are due to falling down from a train, hit by a pole or gap between the footboards and the platform.

"This is an alarming situation. This is your data. Though you (railways) have projected that there is a reduction of deaths by 46 per cent compared to 2009, it is still not sufficient," Justice Marne remarked orally.

The 450-kilometer suburban network, also called 'Mumbai's lifeline', is the busiest in the world; and perhaps the most dangerous. Expensive real estate has forced common folk to live in far off suburbs and make a life-threatening commute everyday packed like sardines, or hanging on footboards of these high-speed locals.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

Globally, commuter trains always have automatic closing doors. The issue has been debated since 2002 by the railways, but the first AC automated door closing rakes were introduced in Mumbai only in 2017. Nearly a decade has passed since, and today the suburban network has just 283 AC services of the daily 2,342 local sorties, a little over 10 percent. Ironically, the Railways toyed with the idea of introducing automated doors on non-airconditioned rakes, but the proposal was shot down as it might have made the trains even more suffocating.

The national safety record is not better. We have still not lived down the 3 June, 2023 massive accident at Balasore, Odisha, probably the worst in 2 decades. The three-way collision between the Coromandel Express, the Yesvantpur-Howrah Superfast and a freight train killed at least 275 people with hundreds injured.

What is emerging from these accidents is though the government has ramped up its railway budget, it has not gone to improving safety as much as toward ramping up the number of special high-speed trains like the Vande Bharat that offer good optics. Meanwhile, renewal of tracks and rolling stock of thousands of trains has stagnated. Passenger and freight trains run on the same tracks, and the lines are clogged and over-utilized, making them unavailable for even routine maintenance.

In the last few years, nearly ₹3 lakh crore has been pumped into launching new super-fast trains, and refurbishing railway stations. However, spending on safety has been at the bottom of the agenda. For instance, the indigenous anti-collision technology launched in March 2023 called the Automatic Train Protection System, or KAVACH(means 'armour'), is fitted on just 795 locomotives, with a coverage of just about 4 percent so far.

Vanity projects

It is in this context that we have to weigh the humungous allocation to Bullet Train-type projects against the crying need to lift safety standards and reduce fatalities.

Yes, the high-speed 508-km corridor between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, servicing 12 cities on the route, and running at a maximum speed of 350 km, will be a tribute to India's modernization. A journey that takes 8 hours today, will be completed in 2 hours.

But the question oft raised is: is it necessary? The Mumbai-Ahmedabad route is one of the best served in the country with 10-12 flights a day, an equal number of train services and hundreds of buses and cabs plying on a well-maintained super highway. Why then do we need to create an entirely new corridor from scratch, involving the contentious acquisition of 1,389 hectares of fertile land? It has led to massive displacement and continuing legal disputes.

In Mumbai, commuter organizations have been crying hoarse for more local rakes, a four-track system to increase commuter trains and a special authority for Mumbai's suburban railway. It is estimated if just half of the Bullet Train project budget was deployed for Mumbai's suburban service, many millions will be served and thousands of lives saved.

RBI tightens Aadhaar-enabled payment norms to curb frauds

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

IN its effort to further strengthen customer protection by preventing frauds, and also to bolster the trust in Aadhaar-enabled payment system (AePS) transactions, the Reserve Bank has issued tighter compliance directives for banks and also the National Payments Corporation (NPCI).

These guidelines, issued on Friday, mandate rigorous due diligence and risk management measures for AePS touchpoint operators, and will come into force from January 1, 2026, the RBI said in a circular. The move aims at addressing identity theft and fraud incidents, which have been rising of late, enhancing financial inclusion in rural areas.

In a report released on March 30, 2025, the RBI had said the incidents of bank fraud and the amount of losses arising from have jumped by three times to ₹36,014 crore in FY25. Of the total frauds, as much as 59% cases were reported by private banks. The amount was only ₹12,230 crore in the previous year. Interestingly, the number of fraud cases decreased to 23,953 in 2024-25 from 36,060 the previous year with private banks accounting for 59.42% cases. Of this, as much as ₹25,667 crore worth of frauds were reported by public sector banks, a big rise from ₹9,254 crore a year ago, the RBI annual report for 2024-25 said. Interestingly, 14,233 frauds (24,207 frauds last year) were reported by private banks while public sector banks reported 6,935 frauds (7,460 cases last year).

The central bank said frauds worth ₹33,148 crore pertained to advances as against ₹10,072 crore last year. However, card and internet frauds declined to ₹520 crore in the latest fiscal from ₹1,457 crore last year. The circular issued on Friday also directs banks to conduct comprehensive customer due diligence on every AePS touchpoint operator (ATO) before onboarding. The new rules apply to all commercial banks, regional rural banks, urban and state cooperative banks, district central cooperative banks, and the NPCI, the circular said.

AePS, the Aadhaar-enabled payment system run by the NPCI, lets a customer withdraw cash, transfer funds and check balances at any bank outlet with just their Aadhaar credentials. Its biometric, interoperable platform extends formal banking to rural and underserved communities, making it a cornerstone of the country's financial inclusion push.

However, recent incidents of identity theft and fraud through AePS has prompted RBI to act.

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Ravi Agrawal re-appointed as CBDT chairman

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THE government on Saturday announced the re-appointment of Ravi Agrawal as the chairman of the CBDT for another year starting from July 1.

The decision was made by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), as per a statement from the department of personnel and training. "The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has approved re-appointment of Ravi Agrawal, IRS, as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on contract basis for a period of one year with effect from 01.07.2025 till 30.06.2026 or until further orders, whichever is earlier on the usual terms and conditions applicable to re-employed central government officers, in relaxation of the recruitment rules," the government order stated on Saturday.

Agarwal has been closely involved in drafting a new Income Tax Bill. In recent years, the government has been focusing on tax reforms to make the system more people friendly mend the loopholes.

India global leader in greenfield digital economy investments

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INDIA has solidified its position as the single-largest destination globally for greenfield digital economy investments, drawing an $114 billion between 2020 and 2024, as per finance ministry.

The ministry in its Monthly Economic Review for May 2025 said this major inflow of capital far outpaces other nations, highlighting the country's growing prominence in global digital landscape. The figure surpasses the next largest recipient, Malaysia, which attracted $74 billion in the same period, as per the report. Other major destinations included Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, Mexico, and China.

This achievement underscores India's robust and expanding digital infrastructure, its vast and digitally-savvy consumer base, and a supportive policy environment that has fostered innovation and growth in digital sectors, according to the finance ministry. The influx of greenfield investments – new projects built from the ground up – signifies long-term commitment and confidence from global investors in India's digital future.

Business & Beyond

Goa Shipyard shines at CMA Awards 2024

Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, has been conferred with two prestigious awards at the 19th National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management & 8th CMA Awards 2024, organised by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The awards were presented by Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha, and Chairperson, Committee on Finance. GSL was adjudged winner (1st award) for excellence in cost management – 2024, under the category of manufacturing – public - medium reinforcing the company's robust financial prudence, cost optimisation, and value creation in defence shipbuilding sector.

HPCL's Super 50 Programs in J&K and Ladakh deliver exceptional NEET-UG 2025 results

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) announces the phenomenal performance of students from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in NEET-UG and JEE 2025 exams, under its CSR initiative 'Project Super 50 – Medical & Engineering', implemented in collaboration with the Indian Army. The initiative, designed to nurture bright students from underprivileged backgrounds, offers intensive residential coaching across five centres in the region. In NEET-UG 2025, out of 211 students trained, 181 students qualified, showcasing outstanding academic grit. In JEE 2025, out of 38 students, 34 qualified, securing places in top engineering institutes. 101 of the 181 NEET-qualified students are girls, underlining HPCL's commitment to girl child education and gender equity in opportunity.

TRL Krosaki wins Kalinga Environment Excellence Award 2024 in 5-star category

TRL Krosaki wins Kalinga Environment Excellence Award 2024 in Five Star Category. The award was received by Saswat Das, Asst. Vice President (Mining) and Chief Resident Executive in a special function organized at Hotel New Marion, Bhubaneswar on 21.06.2024. Manas Kumar Sahoo, Asst. Manager (Secondary Product) and Manas Ranjan Jena, manager (environment management) accompanied Das while receiving the award. Uma Nanduri, member secretary State Pollution Control Board, Priyadarshi Mishra, MLA, Bhubaneswar Noth, Prof. S Srivash Mruthy, Director, IPE, Asthok Tripathy, IAS (Retd.), were also present on the dais during the function. Industry heads, Bureaucrats and eminent personalities were present in the award giving function This award competition was organized by Institute of Quality and Environment Management Service (IQEMS), Hyderabad based on the overall Environment Performance by the industries across the state of Odisha.

Goa Market Access Expo highlights state's rise as start-up testbed

With the energy of over 100 selected start-ups, the Goa Market Access Expo 2025 marked a defining moment in the state's journey to position itself as India's creative and innovation capital. Organised by the Startup and IT Promotion Cell (SITPC) under the Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (DITEC), Government of Goa, the event connected start-ups with government officials from various departments and industry. The Expo was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, in the presence of Minister for Tourism, ITE&C and printing & stationery, Rohan A Khaunte, chief secretary V Candavelou, director of DITE&C Kabir Shirgaonkar, managing director of Infotech Corporation of Goa Ltd. Praveen Volvotkar, and CEO of Startup and IT Promotion Cell D S Prashant. Addressing the gathering, Sawant spoke about aligning Goa's policies with national missions.

AIIMS Nagpur observes International Yoga Day

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur celebrated the 11th International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2025 with the theme "Yoga for one Earth, one Health" to sensitise gathering about multitude benefits of practicing yoga. Faculty members, medical and nursing students, nursing officers, paramedical staff and admin staff participated in large numbers in the Live Yoga session under the open blue sky on International Day of Yoga with zeal. The day took off with lamp lighting and inaugural address by Prof Prashant P Joshi, executive director & CEO, AIIMS Nagpur, Dr Joshi stressed on daily practice of Yoga and proposed to incorporate yoga classes on regular schedule for students.

Winning return for ace pugilist Nikhat

Making her first competitive appearance since the 2024 Paris Games, two-time world champ Nikhat Zareen opened her campaign with a 4:1 win over Uttar Pradesh's Rashi Sharma (48–51kg) at the Elite Women's Boxing Tournament in Hyderabad on Saturday. In another bout, Haryana's Anjali beat World Championships bronze medallist Manisha Moun (57-60 kg).

Since the winter of 2022, Duckett has emerged as one of the best openers in Test cricket. Behind the scenes, the southpaw stripped his game before piecing it together again. **Swaroop Swaminathan** spoke to Ant Botha, skills coach at Nottinghamshire, to understand how he did it

BEN THERE DONE THAT

IN the winter of 2016, in Ben Duckett's first year as an international cricketer, the batter had an Indian problem. R Ashwin had him on toast, normal Indian pitches had his number and he was dropped midway after averaging six across three innings, two Tests and 57 largely torturous minutes.

In the summer of 2025, India has a Duckett problem. He has generally had no problems in dealing with the threat of Jasprit Bumrah. The pacer averages 23.9 and strikes at 43.88 when bowling to openers in Tests. Against the southpaw from England, he strikes once every 85 deliveries and averages 55 with the ball.

In the larger scheme of things, this may be a footnote but it's representative of how Duckett has gone from end of the batting spectrum to another. In 2016, he was a walking wicket against India. Now? He's the opener the Indian bowlers hate bowling against.

Since the start of 2024, Duckett is the leading run-scorer against India with 554 and averages 46.16 with two 100s (no other player has scored over 500).

But how did the 30-year-old manage to do this?

Here's Ant Botha, who knows Duckett fairly well. At the outset, Botha, the current skills coach at Nottinghamshire, makes one thing clear about his ward. "He has always had unbelievable self belief system," the South African tells this daily over phone. "He was always talented, had great hand-eye co-ordination and very stubborn. That's always been one of his great strengths."

This is what prompted the England management to fast track Duckett into the national team in 2016. After that series in India, though, a trial by spin had seemingly put a halt to his then fledgling career. After a few years, he moved to Notts where Botha was already in situ with Peter Moores, the former England head coach.

Gradually, Duckett, who had won the Professional Cricketers Association's Player of the Year and the Young Player of the Year in 2016, began to make up for lost time. It included lots of video analysis, sweating it out in indoor nets and constantly working on his movement, pre-delivery.

"We did loads of work one winter when he was in England," Botha says. "He would just phone me and say 'let's have a net' and we would just go. A lot of the time, it was about another pair of eyes, video analysis... the big thing for him in those days was about getting his pre delivery movements right. The bat face would close so the leg side was his go to but it also hindered him in certain areas. (Those sessions) it was fun, actually."

Sunday Special

The winter in question was 2020 when England had seemingly moved past Duckett. To be fair to the national selectors, he himself had thought his chance had come and gone. But that didn't stop him from 'removing the mask' about his own game. The two coaches at Notts and Duckett had regular conversations about his game and soon enough, the Kent-born batter was okay 'to move his game to vulnerable areas'. Botha explains. "It wasn't ground-breaking or anything," Botha remembers. "It was just evidence-based... this is where we at, you ready to take your game to where you want it to go? And credit to Ben because he really opened up and that allows... it's an in for any coach."

Some of the conversations revolved around Duckett's first innings record at his then new club as well as a tendency to crossover with his feet. "The first thing we sort of worked through was getting his movements in a bit earlier," Botha, originally from Durban, explains. "He had the tendency to crossover a bit with his feet... we kind of stripped it bare. We simplified everything. After a point, he started to find his hands."

This was around the time when he had inadvertently changed his bat grip following an injury. While Botha does mention it, it's not like 'we went to the nets one day to work on his bat grip.' "A lot of coaching is just waiting for the right time to say anything," he says. "I just threw a lot of balls at him, he's a short guy, he wasn't scoring enough runs square of the wicket. His off-side play was not near where he would have liked it to be from a wagon wheel point of view. He wasn't accessing backward point enough."

The closed bat face was a problem. The solution was layered. "We didn't want to get too technical because that's not Ben's game. We just let him find it, we had experimental sessions and over time, he found it. There was no magic wand. It opened up the world on the off side."

As part of the process, there was a push to make him treat the 'bouncer as a friend'. Botha explains. "He's a short guy and so the bouncer can be a friend. You can't get bowled or leg-before. It was a question about getting the balance and fundamentals correct. Now, he's an extremely hard guy to bowl to. Your natural Test match lines and lengths... other batters would normally leave deliveries in 4th or 5th stump line but he has that amazing ability to work in three or four different areas. He's also far better with pulls, hooks and cross bat shots." He also references the stat of him leaving next to nothing. "He's the worst leaver in Test cricket, that's an amazing stat, that."

All of these incremental changes started taking an effort, one by one. Every time Duckett came back to Notts, he would excitedly remark something had changed for the better. "Whenever he came back, there was a massive lightbulb moment," Botha says. "He got excited because of the way he released his bottom hand. He got excited with how he used to open his bat face..."

Doing it in practice away from the media glare is one thing. Doing it in competitive games across a full English summer was a different thing altogether. That's what he had to do to put himself in the national reckoning. It's what he did in 2022. He averaged 72.28 across 14 innings with three 100s and five 50s at a strike rate of over 76. In that same year, England's other Ben, Stokes, and the new head coach, Brendon McCullum, breathed fresh life into a faltering red-ball programme.

Duckett earned a recall and he hasn't looked back since. "It's a pleasure to see him play," Botha says.

For him and the rest of the cricketing world.

Duckett's career before and since Dec 2022

Phases of career	Mat	Runs	Avge	100s
Till Dec 2022	4	110	15.71	0
From Dec 2022	30	2511	47.37	6

HIGHEST AVERAGES SINCE HIS COMEBACK (minimum 15 matches)

Kane Williamson	65.79
Harry Brook	59.17
Joe Root	54.95
Yashasvi Jaiswal	52.86
Saud Shakeel	50.24
Ben Duckett	47.37

2 Duckett is the second leading run-scorer in Tests since his comeback against Pakistan in December 2022

324 Nobody has hit as many fours as Duckett in Tests in the time period in question

ENGLISH TEST

I take complete responsibility: Prasidh

BIRMINGHAM: Seamer Prasidh Krishna has taken "complete responsibility" for his failure to hit the right lengths during a forgettable outing in the first Test against England, but said he was at all times trying to be parsimonious with his bowling. Prasidh has been slammed by few former players after he leaked more than 200 runs at Leeds. In the first innings, Prasidh gave away 128 runs in 20 overs at an economy of 6.40, one of the worst figures by an Indian bowler bowling a minimum of 20 overs in an innings. In the second essay, his economy rate was again above six (6.10), conceding 92 runs in 15 overs.

'Worked on Rahul's approach'

NEW DELHI: Former India assistant coach Abhishek Nayar says then skipper Rohit Sharma had entrusted him with the task of giving an "aggressive outlook" to KL Rahul's batting when he took over the role with the Indian team last year. However, Nayar had to leave the job after India's 1-3 series defeat against Australia in the 2024-25 Border-Gavaskar Trophy. The beginning of Rahul's transformation, Nayar said, was in the training they did prior to the tour of Australia.

Archer ready for Test rigours: Key

LONDON: Allaying concerns around Jofra Archer's readiness for Test cricket, England and Wales Cricket Board director Rob Key has said the pacer could have been rushed into the side much earlier but he was instead given time to gradually build himself up for the rigours of the longest format. Ex-England skipper Michael Vaughan and Sussex head coach Paul Farbrace have suggested that Archer should not be rushed back to play the second Test despite the pacer's comeback.

Smriti Mandhana celebrates after reaching her century on Saturday | BCCI

Mandhana slams ton, Shree Charani makes dream start

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

STAND-IN captain Smriti Mandhana hit a scintillating century (112 off 62 balls) while left-arm spinner N Shree Charani, with figures of 4/12, made a dream debut as India Women crushed England Women by 97 runs in the opening T20I at Nottingham on Saturday.

Mandhana's maiden century in T20 internationals guided India to 210/5, India's second-highest total in T20Is, after being asked to bat first. The 28-year-old's 112 was also the highest individual score for an Indian in WT20Is.

In reply, the hosts, despite Nat Sciver-Brunt's 42-ball 66, lost wickets at regular intervals and were eventually bowled out for 113 in 14.5 overs. Shree Charani was the destructor-in-chief with the ball as she accounted for four wickets, including the big wicket of Sciver-Brunt.

Mandhana, who was deservedly adjudged the Player of the Match, was in her element as she tore apart the England bowling attack.

The left-handed batter punished the likes of Em Arlott, Linsey Smith and Sophie Ecclestone and reached the three-figure mark in 51 balls. The Mumbai-born batter's innings included as many as 15 fours and three sixes. Mandhana's splendid innings finally came to an end in the final over. This was incidentally England's heaviest defeat in this format.

BRIEF SCORES

India 210/5 in 20 ovs (Mandhana 112, Harleen 43; Bell 3/27) **bt** England 113 in 14.5 ovs (Sciver-Brunt 66; Shree Charani 4/12) by 97 runs.

Pegula downs Swiatek to lift 3rd title of season

AGENCIES @ Bad Homburg (Germany)

WORLD No 3 Jessica Pegula beat Poland's Iga Swiatek in straight sets to win her third title of the season at Bad Homburg on Saturday, two days before Wimbledon starts.

The 31-year-old American won through 6-4, 7-5 in one hour and 46 minutes in the northern suburbs of Frankfurt for her second title on grass after Berlin last year. The US Open finalist now trails Swiatek 6-5 in their meetings, but has won four of her last six contests with the former world number one who was appearing in her first final on grass.

She now boasts nine career titles — five of which have come in the last 12 months.

She opens her Wimbledon campaign on Tuesday against 122nd-ranked Italian Elisabetta Cocciaretto, with her best result in the grass-court Grand Slam being a quarterfinal appearance in 2023.

Jessica Pegula with trophy | AFP

Five-time Grand Slam winner Swiatek was playing in her first final in a year since she lifted her fourth French Open trophy at Roland Garros in 2024. Former US Open champion Swiatek will face Russian Polina Kudermetova, ranked 63, at Wimbledon.

Australia clinch first Test vs Windies

AGENCIES @ Bridgetown (Barbados)

AUSTRALIA'S vaunted pace attack demolished West Indies' fragile batting, routing the hosts for just 141 off 33.4 overs to complete a comprehensive 159-run victory in the final over of the third day of the first Test at Kensington Oval on Friday.

Josh Hazlewood was the chief destroyer with figures of 5-43 as the tourists dominated the day with both ball and bat.

Half-centuries from Alex Carey, Beau Webster and Travis Head were the fulcrum of a recovery from 65-4 late on day two to a final second innings total of 310 at tea the next day.

Josh Hazlewood (2nd from right) claimed a five-fer for Australia | AFP

Shamar Joseph led the West Indies bowling effort with five wickets at the cost of 87 runs for a match haul of 9-133.

Any winning target in excess of 200 was always going to be challenging on this two-paced surface. As it transpired, the West Indies never looked up to the task from the moment former captain Kraigg Brathwaite fell to Mitchell Starc in the first over. Hazlewood then took centre stage. His metronomic accuracy accounted for John Campbell and debutant Brandon King off successive balls, before adding the wickets of captain Roston Chase and Keacy Carty. **Brief scores:** Australia 180 & 310 (Carey 65, Webster 63, Head 61; S Joseph 5/87) **bt** WI 190 & 141 (S Joseph 44, Greaves 38 n.o; Hazlewood 5/43).

CROWNING GLORY

Final vs Pak more mental than physical: Abhay

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

"IT was not a game of squash, it was a psychological war." This was Abhay Singh's candid confession about the gruelling men's doubles final against the Pakistani duo of Noor Zaman and Nasir Iqbal. He was partnering Velavan Senthilkumar and won the match 9-11, 11-5, 11-5. On Thursday (June 26), India made history by winning all three events at the 2nd Asian squash doubles championships in Malaysia.

Abhay, who won two of the events (men's doubles and mixed doubles), spoke about the challenges and what the wins mean to India.

The men's final against Pakistani pair was a see-saw battle. Abhay and Velavan got momentum on their side in the second set after losing the first. "It was just down to who was more mentally strong and patient," he told this daily. "In the hourmark, I spoke to Velavan and we both decided that we can keep going for another 60 minutes if we wanted. I think that was the right call to take because we knew that over time both the Pakistan boys will fold. I knew we were both mentally stronger as a team and physically stronger as well."

Abhay Singh (L) with Anahat Singh after winning mixed doubles title

After playing the men's doubles final, which lasted for 88 minutes, Abhay turned up to the mixed final pairing up with teen sensation Anahat Singh. He had to make do with a 15-minute break before facing the Malaysian pair of Ameeshenraj Chandran and Rachel Arnold. "After that final, the whole team was worried about how I was going to come back. I quickly ran for a cold shower, had a few bananas and had a lot of electrolytes. The main concern was not to cramp," he said.

In the mixed final, the pair mounted a comeback from 5-9 down to win the first set. However, cramp set in for the 26 year-old Arjuna awardee in the second set. "I sat down after the first set and came into the second where I was cramping in areas that I haven't cramped before. I was cramping on my face, arm, chest, hamstring, and my calf," he said. That put the game on the edge, doubts on the team's prospects of win crept.

This is where communication with Anahat in executing the plan was crucial. "Planning is one thing but executing it when someone else is thinking about what it can bring out later is quite hard. So kudos to her for being very mature," he added.He also thanked Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) for their support. "They have been super helpful. To see the sports minister of the state with such passion for sport is a encouraging sign," he stated.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Arasu wins 100m, Kushare high jump

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

ASIAN Games medallist Tejaswin Shankar (in decathlon), 2023 Asian athletics silver medallist Sarvesh Kushare (high jump) and women's 4x100m team-members like Sneha SS, Nithya Gandhe and Abinaya Rajarajan, who won gold at the Asian athletics championships in May were some of the top names who competed at the day-long meet in Bengaluru.

All eyes were on the 100m sprinters where Tamil Arasu representing the Railways won gold with a timing of 10.46s at the Indian Open Athletics meet on Saturday. This is 0.26 seconds slower than the national record held by Gurindervir Singh in March this year.

Later in the day, country's best high jumpers showcased their skills and prowess. Kushare and Shankar were the two who breached the two-metre mark, but it was the former who emerged victorious.

EXPRESS READ

Shooters Rahi, Mehuli and Niraj finish on top

DEHRADUN: Rahi Sarnobat, Mehuli Ghosh and Niraj Kumar won their respective finals of the national selection shooting trials 3 and 4. In the women's 25m pistol T4 final, Rahi scored 40 hits to finish on top. In the women's 10 air rifle T4 final, Mehuli shot 253.6 to triumph. Niraj hit 463.9 to clinch men's 50m rifle 3 positions T3 final.

Tanvi, Ayush progress to US Open semis

IOWA (US): Shuttlers Tanvi Sharma and Ayush Shetty marched into the semifinals of the US Open badminton meet with convincing wins to continue their impressive run in the Super 300 Tournament here. Tanvi, 16, beat Malaysia's Karupathevan Letshanaa 21-13, 21-16. Ayush beat Chinese Taipei's Kuo Kuan Lin 22-20, 21-9.

Jr Men's Hockey WC: India, Pak in same group

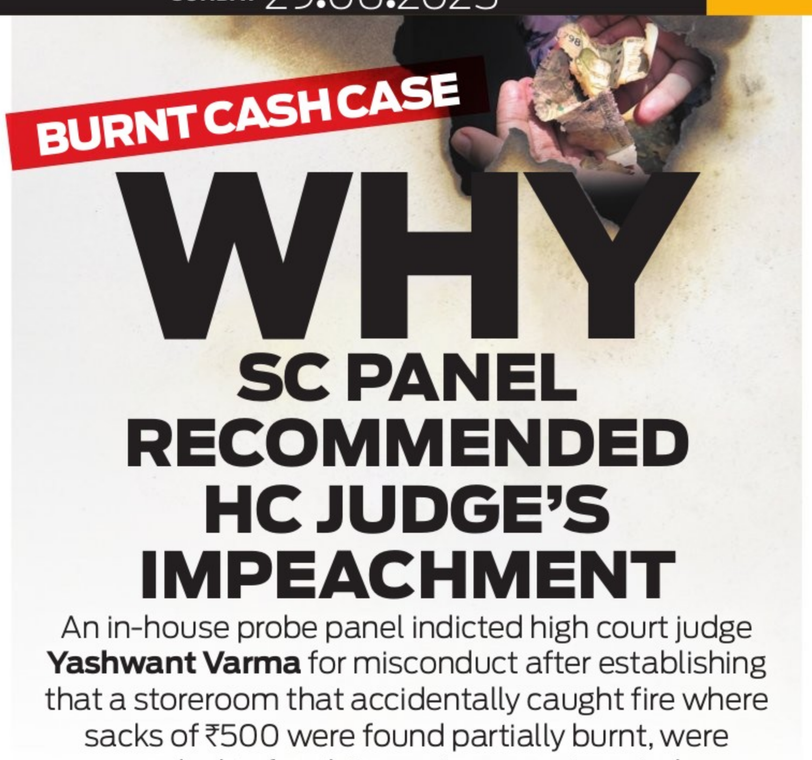
LAUSANNE: Hosts India were on Saturday clubbed alongside Pakistan, Chile and Switzerland in Pool B of the expanded FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup to be co-hosted by Chennai and Madurai from November 28 till December 10 this year. The draw ceremony for the tournament was held at the FIH headquarters here, and this edition will feature 24 teams for the very first time.

WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THE FIRE

The in-house panel said it found there were other household articles which had been kept in the storeroom, which is the consistent stand of the household staff and family members of Justice Varma

The presence of a liquor cabinet close to the switch box was spotted by the panel during inspection

It is common knowledge that liquor is a highly volatile liquid and the bottles having been affected by the fire could have ignited and broken by the heat, leading to a blaze



BURNT CASH CASE

WHY SC PANEL RECOMMENDED HC JUDGE'S IMPEACHMENT

An in-house probe panel indicted high court judge **Yashwant Varma** for misconduct after establishing that a storeroom that accidentally caught fire where sacks of ₹500 were found partially burnt, were under his family's overt or covert control

MANISH KUMAR @Chennai

WHEN Parliament convenes for its monsoon session on July 21, one issue on which there ought to be wide consensus is the impeachment of former Delhi High Court judge Yashwant Varma. Sacks of partially burnt ₹500 currency notes found in the storeroom of his official residence, 30, Tughlaq Crescent, New Delhi during an accidental fire - captured on camera on the intervening night of March 14-15 - threw up questions of judicial integrity. One of the videos has an audio referring to the burning currency as "Mahatma Gandhi *me aag lag rahi hai*" (is burning).

That the storeroom was cleaned up and the notes went missing the next morning, but some burnt fragments of the bank notes were later found on the Tughlaq Crescent lane by lay people added to the mystery. Justice Varma, his family and personal staff flatly denied there was any currency note in the room. But by then the photos and videos had reached the then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna. The CJI took the extraordinary decision of putting the visuals and Justice Varma's denial in public domain. However, when an in-house probe panel's report indicted the judge, he recommended his impeachment but refrained from placing the report in public domain.

The media got hold of the 64-page report which possibly built a watertight case against Justice Varma. Curiously, no first information report (FIR) has been filed against the crime yet. Also, no committee has been constituted to investigate the allegations against Justice Varma under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, which is mandatory.

At a recent meeting of a parliamentary committee on law and justice, several MPs asked why no FIR has been lodged over the matter. While the government is trying to build parliamentary consensus for impeachment, the Opposition is yet to take a final call. There are divergent views on whether another probe panel under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 needs to be constituted. While one section considers the in-house panel's report as just a fact-finding exercise, others see it differently. The bigger question is the source of the ill-gotten wealth, which the panel did not answer. The matter will not get quietus unless the source of the funds is outed.

Black letter day

The drama began around 11.35 pm on March 14 when the accidental fire led to a lot of smoke, and aftersmoke. Justice Yashwant Varma was away on vacation with his family at the time of the fire. A call from the judge's private secretary Rajinder Singh Karki to the fire department and Delhi Police led to the fire being controlled in a few hours. Justice Varma returned in the evening the next day and denied that the cash belonged to him in his email to the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, who in turn apprised CJI Khanna. The CJI on March 22 constituted a three-member probe panel comprising Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court G S Sandhawalia and Karnataka High Court Judge Anu Sivaraman.

The panel's final report held Justice Varma squarely guilty of "misconduct", after observing that he and his family were in complete control of the storeroom where the burnt cash was found. The committee, while trashing Justice Varma's "conspiracy theory", recommended his impeachment under Article 124(5) and Article 217 of the Constitution.

Sequence of events

Fire personnel and Delhi Police officials reached the spot after a call from Karki. While dousing it, police and fire personnel found ₹500 notes burning and shot photos and videos of the storeroom. Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora shared the videos with Delhi High Court Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhaya on March 15 along with a report. A copy of the report was also sent to Union home minister Amit Shah.

Justice Varma cut short his vacation and returned to Delhi on March 15. He met Justice Upadhyaya two days later and informed him that some "furniture and articles had got burnt in the fire and that the storeroom is accessible to all the house staff." It was here that the CJ Upadhyaya showed him videographic evidence of half-burnt cash, following which Justice Varma alleged there was a conspiracy against him. The CJ apprised the CJI on March 21 that the matter warrants a deeper probe.

Three questions

The CJI on March 21 sought answers from Justice Varma to three questions: 1. How does he account for the presence of money/cash in the storeroom? 2. Explain the source of the money/cash. 3. Who is the person who removed the money/cash from the room in the morning of March 15? Justice Varma was also told by the CJI not to dispose of his phone(s) or tamper with call record/messages data, and to furnish the details of all security staff working at his bungalow.

Varma's response

Justice Varma in his response to the HC chief justice Upadhyaya said the storeroom was used by all and sundry and that "it was disconnected from the main residence and was not a room in his house." He also said he was away at the time of the fire; only his daughter and aged mother were at the house on March 14. He contended that the staff were asked to move away from the house at the time of the incident due to safety concerns and when the fire was doused, they went back to the house but saw no cash in the storeroom. He further claimed that there was no cash placed by him or any of his family members in the storeroom.

Varma added that he readily agreed to a request from his principal secretary to visit the site (storeroom) after the fire personnel left and that the private secretary apprised him that there was no cash or half-burnt cash at the site. He questioned the veracity of the videos shot by fire services personnel showing half-burnt cash, saying it could not be verified by him and that none of his staff or family members were shown any remnants of burnt cash or currency at the site. Justice Varma went on to allege that the whole episode was a set-up and an affront to his reputation built over a long period.

Expert panel and eye-witnesses

The in-house panel constituted by the Supreme Court held its meetings at the Haryana State Guest House in Delhi's Chanakyapuri on March 25, 26, 27, 28, April 2, 3, 4, 7 in physical mode, during which statements of 55 witnesses, including Justice Varma, were recorded.

The panel framed for itself three key issues it sought to find answers to, in consonance with the CJI's three questions. 1) How does Justice Varma account for the presence of money in the storeroom at his official residence? 2) Source of the money/cash found. 3) Who is the person who removed the burnt money/cash in the intervening night of March 14-15?

During the course of its inquiry, 10 eyewitnesses stated before the panel that they had seen cash in the storeroom. Manoj Mehlawat, station officer, Delhi Fire Services, said, "The notes at the site of the fire were of ₹500 denomination and were singed by fire...I did take two photographs of the storeroom." It was Mehlawat who had quipped, "Mahatma Gandhi me aag lag rahi hai".

Suman Kumar, assistant divisional officer, Delhi Fire Services, in his deposition said, "I was told (by Manoj Mehlawat) that the currency notes had caught fire...I informed my divisional officer (Rajinder Atwal) that there were currency notes of ₹500 denomination which had got affected in the fire... the notes were smouldering and were in a heap... I got in touch with Rajinder Singh who was present at the site. The verification was made by him but he said the fire was in stationery and domestic items only. The incident was witnessed by all present at the site."

Rajesh Kumar, head constable, Tughlaq Road PS, told the panel, "I saw with my own eyes burnt currency of ₹500 denomination spread all over the floor in the storeroom." Similarly, Umesh Malik, SHO, Tughlaq Road PS, deposed that he saw the ₹500 half-burnt notes. "The stack of half-burnt currency notes was about 1 1/2 feet high. I directed my subordinate head constable Roop Chand to take photographs and video of inside the storeroom," Malik told the panel, while admitting that he was asked by Karki to leave after the fire had been extinguished.

Findings of the panel

After questioning the witnesses, the in-house committee said, "(Some) eyewitnesses stated they had seen half burnt piles of cash inside the store room within 30 Tughlaq Crescent in occupancy of Justice Varma." On electronic evidence, the panel said the "video made by witness No. 17 Roop Chand of Delhi Police ... has not been disputed ever by Justice Varma." The panel further said that at the end of one of the videos from the crime scene, there is an audio reference to a person calling 'Rahil', the house staff employee of the judge. Karki had admitted that the voice was his. "It is apparent that both Karki and Rahil were present in front of the storeroom when the currency was on fire, and that their explanation that they were kept away from the storeroom by fire department officials cannot be accepted."

Presence of private secretary

The panel said it believes Karki's presence at the fire site in the intervening night of March 14-15 establishes his presence at the judge's house that night, a fact he had disputed. Karki's presence is also evident from call records between him and Justice Varma, who had asked him to stay back at the residence. However, the panel found that no instructions were given to Karki to leave in the morning.

Karki also denied that he had instructed the fire personnel against mentioning the burnt cash in their report. The panel said Karki has a lot to explain with regard to his secret meeting with Sandeep Kumar Sharma, deputy registrar, Delhi HC, on March 15 in the evening in R K Puram. Karki admitted that he met Sharma "for tea" the next evening.

Mysterious storeroom

The panel concluded that "the storeroom is a part of the premises of the official residence and that access to it may be available to occupants of 30 Tughlaq Crescent, but that the overall control and permission to have access to the store room was undeniably with Justice Varma or his family members." The half-burnt currency notes seen and found during the process of dousing the fire are highly suspicious items and also are not of small denomination which could not have been placed in the store room without the tacit or active consent of Justice Varma or his family members.

Unnatural conduct

The panel said it found it difficult to accept Justice Varma's contention that he did not take stock of the storeroom once he landed in Delhi at 5 pm on March 15. He contended in his submission before the panel that he only deemed it fit to speak to his mother, daughter and servants about the cash row and then left for his camp office, without visiting the storeroom.

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